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Bingo Workers Seek NLRB Support

The Boulevard Bingo fight started in late June when workers walked off the job in solidarity with a fired co-worker. Within 2 weeks, 9 workers had joined the IWW and formed a Job Shop.

A picket was set up and leaflets printed, to encourage a public boycott of the Bingo Hall. The IWW strategy was to use the boycott to pressure management directly into bargaining with the union, avoiding NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) bureaucracy.

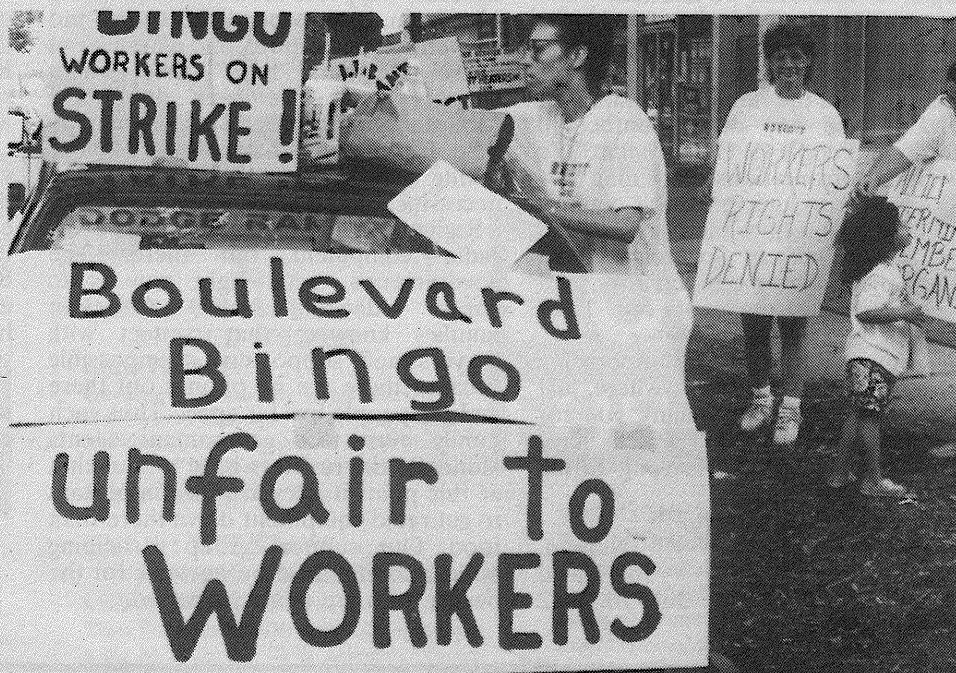
In mid-July however, the IWW charged Boulevard Bingo with firing 10 workers for participating in "concerted activities," a violation of section 7(a) of the Wagner Act. At the same time, management charged the IWW with picketing for union recognition for a period exceeding 30 days without calling for a certification election.

Management contended that the recognition picket had begun June 22, when the bingo workers walked out. The IWW argued that the 30-day clock had started July 6, when the Lehigh Valley General Membership Branch sent a certified letter informing the boss that the workers had organized in the IWW. The LV GMB filed a petition for a certification election with the NLRB on August 3.

The NLRB, however, cited a leaflet which had been handed out declaring that the workers wanted a union, and ruled that the recognition picket had begun June 29, and that our 30-day period had ended July 28. Consequently, the NLRB ordered the picket stopped for 30 days, while charges were processed and a certification election held.

The NLRB action is a nuisance but does not hurt the campaign significantly. Even without the picket line, there are other methods for keeping pressure on the bosses.

None of us are comfortable with the idea of depending on the NLRB to help workers. But we feel if the NLRB is at all objective, the 10 fired workers



Picketing was stopped for 30 days, while employees wait for NLRB to reinstate fired workers

will be reinstated, and we will have more than enough votes to win a certification election.

If the NLRB rules against reinstatement of the workers, we have the option of appealing to a Federal judge or of filing civil suits for "wrongful dismissal"; but these processes would take months and run up legal bills. Another option would be an all-out direct action campaign.

The NLRB seems pretty anxious to move quickly, partly because they have better things to do than talk to Wobblies every day on the phone.

The Boulevard Bingo fight has sparked nationwide support. The organization Food Not Bombs donated a huge amount of food. Financial contributions have come in from as far away as New York, California and Florida. By early August we had raised around \$600 for the campaign.

August 14, depositions were presented to the NLRB hearings. The decision will come from the NLRB

about September 4. LV Wobs were considering whether to start up pickets again during the last week before the NLRB decision, in order to put pressure on. It would take management a week to get the courts to tell us to stop picketing.

The Bingo Workers are making all their own decisions, and they have decided to wait and see what the NLRB rules.

The Bingo struggle has also caused other workers in the area to become interested in the IWW. The GMB has been contacted by workers in non-profit firms, and in the music and entertainment industries.

The Boulevard Bingo fight is important, not just for the Lehigh Valley but for the labor movement. Nationwide, some 70% of the work force slaves away in shops employing fewer than 20 workers. Only the IWW is interested in helping these workers organize their small shops. -X341341

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Maquiladora Hell for Women Workers of Guatemala

Maquila, or export industry in Guatemala has grown rapidly since the mid-1980s when the government exempted maquilas from most taxes. Another factor in their growth is the abundance of cheap labor. Today there are 500 maquila factories which provide 70,000 jobs. Annual apparel exports have grown to \$100 million, which makes apparel Guatemala's second biggest export after coffee.

Forced labor, physical and sexual abuse of the mostly female workforce, child labor, an inhuman production pace, hazardous working conditions including noise, high temperatures, poor ventilation and inadequate sanitation facilities (one factory has 5 toilets for 500 workers), and a strong anti-union policy are common features of the daily routine suffered by maquila workers.

In sweatshop conditions, workers assemble pre-cut fabric into clothing for such wealthy US corporations as Sears, JC Penney, Levi-Strauss, Phillips-Van Heusen and others. Many workers are single mothers who earn as little as \$2 a day.

In a *San Francisco Chronicle* article July 24, one worker told of backaches from sitting on a backless wooden bench all day, and breathing trouble because of dust at the factory. "The machines are tiring," she said. "I come home at night and the children are demanding food, when all I want to do is sit down and rest."

A 1991 study by the Guatemalan

Labor Ministry found that some maquila owners practice "forced labor, for adults as well as minors... At the end of the day, workers who have not met their production goals are obligated to stay, (and) in some businesses the workers are locked in."

Attempts to organize unions have met with harsh resistance. At Confecciones Unidas, a maquila factory in Guatemala City, 76 workers were fired last October after trying to unionize. Workers who have participated in organizing efforts variously report receiving bribes, death threats and increased workloads. Only two unions have succeeded in forming inside a Guatemalan maquila, but neither is active.

"The government protects the maquila owners because maquilas are an important part of the neo-liberal economic policy," said Sergio Guzman, an organizer at UNSITRAGUA, a Guatemalan labor federation.

7 years ago, US labor groups began pressuring the US trade representative's office to withdraw tax breaks under the Generalized System of Preferences, which exempts maquilas from US import duties or reduces tariffs. This year, 2 petitions were filed by a group of 10 labor and human rights groups, citing evidence of violations of international labor codes.

The Guatemala Labor Education Project (GLEP) put on a letter-writing campaign this summer in support of the

petitions. Withdrawal of preferred US trade status would make Guatemala less attractive to foreign investors.

Carlos Arias, a Guatemalan who owns a maquila that assembles shirts for Phillips-Van Heusen, says that his industry is being unfairly tainted by U.S. labor groups whose real interest is in protecting U.S. jobs. Arias claims he is providing valuable training to poorly educated Guatemalans, and that his employees are paid on a piecework basis, which lets them determine how much money they will make a day. He says that many earn up to \$6 a day. However, a family of four needs \$7 and \$9 a day just to pay for basic necessities in Guatemala.

Petitions may be a voice, but what is needed in this struggle is stronger direct action in solidarity with Guatemalan workers. Consumer awareness is one way. Boycotts are another. Don't patronize Sears, JC Penney, or stores that sell Levis, Van Heusen, or other products made in Guatemala.

Although the Guatemalan struggle has been continuing for years in one form or another, the recent reports of student and worker confrontations may indicate an escalation of the unrest. Bush's "free trade" policy could be the spark to ignite a very short fuse.

Stand in solidarity with Guatemalan workers! -Dave Collins

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Letters

Greetings, FWs!

Hope this finds you well and continuing the struggle. We've had an ongoing fight here in the Bay Area recently, when 1,700 workers walked out at Summit Medical Center in Oakland over the right to sympathy strike. As of July 10 the strike has ended, with the right to sympathy strike in the final contract. As usual management made a complete ass of itself, and in the end came out with mud all over its face. They not only alienated the unions, but City Hall, the community, and the very patients they were supposed to be caring for.

Take care and hope to win.

Dave Collins

Sekon,

After a trial process lasting almost 2 years in the Quebec Superior Court of Quebec, the jury handed down a verdict of NOT GUILTY to the TC (*Treatment Centre*) 34 defendants (originally TC 41) on all charges stemming from the standoff in the Treatment Centre at Kanehsatake. The verdict is seen by the Mohawks and their allies as a verification by the jury that the issues involving land and jurisdiction must be addressed not in the Criminal Courts, but by negotiation on a Nation to Nation basis between the Canadian government and the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy.

The jury understood that we were sincere in our attempts to reach a peaceful end to the conflict, despite the duplicitous and colonial attitudes of all levels of governments and attempts by

police agencies to criminalize the situation.

Despite the tremendous cost of the "Oka crisis" in the summer of 1990 and the ensuing trials, the issues related to the golf course expansion and other development in The Pines have yet to be settled.

Although some of the trials are now over, others are still awaiting trial and/or appeal in an attempt to overturn the guilty verdicts already handed down in some cases. This has left us with a legal bill of approximately \$250,000 and our fund raising efforts must continue.

While the verdict is seen as a victory, a victory in fact for all Native Nations, it was not achieved without cost. We will remain available to all people charged so that what we learned, while trying to fight a political battle in the courts, will benefit everyone. We remain committed, not just to those cases stemming from the "long hot summer of '90", but also any other conflict of Traditional People vs. Government. We know the confrontations happening now and those yet to happen in this country are about the same things the "Oka crisis" was all about: Sovereignty and full jurisdiction over our territory, and an end to the theft of our land, resources, and pride.

We remain committed to supporting our brothers and sisters everywhere, just as we were supported. Thank you for your help and prayers which have helped to keep our spirits strong during this very trying time.

In peace and friendship,

Niawen,

Joe David

July 20, 1992

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Dear Sister and Fellow Workers,

I am writing this appeal out of great need. I have been a member of the IWW for 22 years, a member of the GEB, was a delegate for 8 years, Branch Sec. of San Diego in the early 70s, sec. of the GDC and I have been publishing the newspaper Bayou La Rose for 14 years. By trade I am a shipyard worker with 20 years in my trade.

I am appealing for help with a support project for Big Mountain. The IWW officially supports the resistance at Big Mountain, by previous GEB action and convention resolutions, and a number of IWW members have done direct support work. I've been doing Big Mountain support for 12 years, and with help from others have done 14 runs taking over 16 tons of food and other necessities.

Right now, there is a great need for radio equipment out there. The government's tactic right now is to harass individual Native American families knowing that contact with lawyers and supporters is impossible because there are no phones out there and the people live far apart. Thus each family must face government agents alone. So the resisters have told us that at this point it is even more important to get radio equipment down there than food. Our support group is helping build a communication network for the people who are being harassed.

We have set up 5 base stations, but we need 4 more stations and mobile CBs. We had a benefit and put out mailings, but we find ourselves around \$600 short of our goal. Many IWWs gave strong support in the past and I hope this can happen again.

I believe Big Mountain is a working class issue. Where is the difference between N. Calif. with logging and Big Mountain with strip mining? In both cases the bosses are running wild with their exploitation of the Earth, workers and the community. Many resisters also work for Peabody Coal, are pro-union, and will lose their jobs if Peabody is stopped from strip mining Big Mountain.

The women at Big Mountain are workers in the home and they take care of livestock and grow food. The only difference between the struggle in Big Mountain and N. Calif. is the color of skin. Many of the environmental issues are the same.

Sister and Fellow Workers, I ask for your support to get needed equipment down there. Please if you can, send emergency donations as soon as possible to help us meet our goal. We hope to have the whole network set up by the end of the year, but we must get all the bases set up this next trip. Please help if you can.

Money orders at this point will help more than checks. Make MO's or checks out to:

Big Mountain Support Group

PO Box 2104

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-In solidarity

Arthur J. Miller

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The Costs of Environmentalism

by D. Ohmans (OCAW)

In the chemical and petrochemical industries, the connection between workplace hazardous materials and environmental hazardous wastes is especially clear. OCAW has developed the following statement of purposes, which links both sides of the plant gate:

"To prevent long-term in-plant health problems of our members that result from exposure to toxics; "To stop company practices, procedures and processes that expose the environment outside the plant to toxics; "To protect jobs that could be lost due to major accidents, spills and neglect of the environment."

When workers in 64 OCAW-represented plants were asked whether their relations with environmentalists were good, bad, or indifferent, the results were mixed. There is much uncertainty about the cost in jobs of environmental regulation. OCAW has advocated a "Superfund for Workers" which would help ease the transition to a more environmentally sound economy.

A unified approach for the elimination of occupational and environmental hazards can be devised. An effective prevention strategy might include local emergency planning committees (LEPC's), inspections by qualified community organizations, and in-plant hazard prevention committees. The latter would have the "right-to-act" to shut down imminent hazards pending arbitration.

Critics of community protection through worker training and participation, as well as regulation, like to argue that any interference with "free market" outcomes is economically inefficient. But this overlooks the costs to workers and their communities of increased injury and disease, including decreased productivity and tax revenues, high medical insurance costs and greater burdens on the health care and welfare systems. It overlooks the fact that hazards generated inside facilities routinely escape into the environment and affect the public health.

Even in theory, the free market does not result in an optimal allocation of resources. This is because companies often do not pay all their real costs. The taxpayer usually subsidizes their roads and water, for example. Companies usually do not compensate the community for the damage to the environment that they cause. Hence there is a tendency to over-produce hazardous substances at the expense of environmentally sound production.

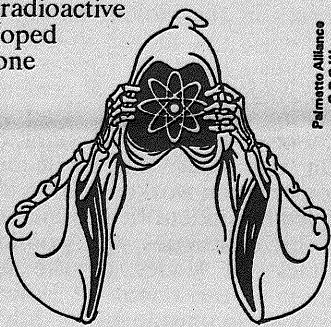
Economic transformation, however, does not have to mean shrinkage of the workforce. Rather, a company's attention to health and safety and environmental issues may be its best guarantee of success. Germany and Canada are succeeding economically with well-paid, unionized workforces, along with progressive environmental and occupational health policy. We can point the way to a similar path.

Call for Nominations for VICE-PRESIDENT of the US

The Gateway Greens nominate the **St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS)** for President of the US. SLAPS holds radioactive waste from the "Manhattan Project" which developed atomic bombs used on Japan in 1945. Since no one has any idea what to do with nuclear waste, we are nominating SLAPS for President and plan to ship it to the White House when it wins.

Write in "SLAPS" on your November ballot.

SLAPS needs a running mate. Do you have a municipal waste dump, hazardous waste incinerator, poisoned lake or clear-cut? Send nominations to: GGA, PO Box 8094 St. Louis MO 63156.



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69 MORE ARRESTED IN DRYWALL STRIKE

by Jon Bekken

Sixty-nine striking drywall hangers were arrested July 23rd, as 3,000 largely unorganized, immigrant workers continued their battle for better wages and union recognition. The strike has spread to several hundred residential construction sites throughout Southern California.

The July 23rd arrests bring the number of strikers arrested on picketing charges to more than 220. They resulted from a police attack on pickets at a Hollywood job site. According to witnesses, police kicked strikers and hit them with batons when they refused to abandon their picket line. At least two strikers were left bleeding from blows to their faces. Workers trying to escape the attack spilled onto the adjacent freeway, blocking traffic for several minutes. The strikers are being held on charges of illegal assembly and assaulting police officers.

Charges against 68 strikers arrested July 2nd have been dismissed by Orange County authorities, while 59 others pled guilty to charges such as disturbing the peace. These were among 153 strikers originally charged with "felony conspiracy to commit trespass" and "felony conspiracy to commit kidnapping." Police released 175 prisoners serving time on burglary, drug and theft charges in order to make space to hold strikers over the July 4th weekend and set bail at \$50,000 each.

In explaining his decision not to dismiss charges, hearing officer Robert Upton said the strikers had admitted their guilt. "They have openly admitted that this indeed was their aim... to disrupt the construction process and to solicit and gain the support of the

workers there." Judges have also granted injunctions against picketing at several job sites.

More mass arrests were averted July 1st when strikers mobbed sheriff deputies who had threatened to shoot them, forcing the release of several arrested picketers.

Immigration authorities have deported 28 strikers to Mexico

Immigration authorities have deported 28 strikers to Mexico, and were holding 24 more for deportation proceedings. (It is expected that some of the 69 strikers arrested July 23rd will also be turned over to INS for deportation.) Police are turning over strikers for deportation unless they can prove that they are in the country legally. Latino and labor organizations are demanding that INS and local police, who never concerned themselves with the immigration status of these workers before, stop their efforts to break the strike through mass arrests and deportations.

The drywall workers have not been unionized since 1982, when residential contractors broke a strike by drywall and other construction workers. A 1987 strike ended when contractors lured the drywallers back to work with promises of higher pay.

Since 1982, piece rates have fallen from 10 cents per installed foot to

4 to 5 cents per foot. Skilled drywall hangers earn about \$5 to \$6 an hour, less than half what they were paid 10 years before for the same work. Nicolas Munoz earned \$800 a week before the strike; now he is lucky to bring in \$300. Another striker, Bernardo Segura, works seven days a week for \$300. "I make my house payments and eat. That's it," he says.

"We are poor," says Arcadio Rios. "We are all getting ripped off and exploited by rich bosses. And we have police and immigration and politicians all against us."

The present strike was organized by an ad hoc group of drywall workers who had noticed that they were being shorted on their pay. Last November, Jesus Gomez noticed that the subcontractor he worked for had shorted him \$60. Gomez talked to other workers, who had noticed their pay drop while their bosses bought new Mercedes-Benzes. Several drywall

Workers have spread the strike through mass picketing - going to non-striking workplaces to persuade their fellow workers to join the strike.

hangers began a series of meetings that eventually grew to include more than 500 workers.

Death on the Job

A study by D. Ohmans of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union examines inspection reports from OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) files from April 1984-March 1990. (The request was filed in 1990, OSHA only recently released the information.) Using reports from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, Ohmans selected all investigations in SIC codes 28 through 30, that is, Chemicals and Allied Products, Petroleum and Coal Products, and Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products. There were 39 Fatalities and Casualties reports for unionized firms, and 39 for non-union firms.

Union firms inspected represented 34,800 workers and had 32 fatalities. Non-union firms were much smaller with a total of 5,547 workers and 45 fatalities (including the Aerlex explosion which killed 17). This of course does not prove that union firms are safer, since we did not look at total non-accident numbers of union and non-union workers. Rather, fatal accidents, even in huge plants, tend to be single fatality accidents.

Accidents in union firms were clearly of similar types: a sudden or gradual pressure release, perhaps leading to an explosion and fire, and/or suffocating inhalation of chemicals. In non-union firms there were more falls, mistakes with machinery, and freak blunders.

On the average it took 70 days from an accident to the issuance of an OSHA citation. OSHA sub-sections cited most were general personal protective equipment (OSHA 1910.132 - 10 citations) and respiratory protection (OSHA 1910.134 - 8 citations). These were concentrated in union firms. Non-union firms were more often cited for not guarding floor and wall openings and holes (1910.23), and powered industrial trucks violations (1910.178).

Scabs Vote to Disband Union

by Orin Langelles

This July, a majority of International Paper Company workers at Jay, Maine, voted to decertify United Paperworkers International Union Local 14, and Local 246 of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers. The vote was 616 to 261 against collective bargaining.

The vote came 5 years after union workers began an unsuccessful strike at the Androscoggin Mill that lasted 16 months. Most of those who voted had been scabs during the strike. In total over 700 scabs have replaced striking union workers who lost their jobs.

Jerry Oullette of Local 14 Media Committee told Industrial Worker that the union "has filed 25 appeals with the National Labor Relations Board." The Union claims unfair labor practices before and during voting and Oullette said the management even met one to one with workers while the actual vote was taking place.

If upheld, the Jay mill would be the only non-union paper making plant in Maine.

Although company officials denied

that the decertification campaign in Jay reflects a broader anti-union effort, mill manager Larry Stowall told Associated Press, "We're pleased that the employees have expressed their preference for a union free environment. Our top priority now is to close this chapter in history..."

During the strike in February 1988 untrained scabs caused an environmental catastrophe as over 100,000 gallons of chlorine spilled forcing the evacuation of the entire population of Jay, Maine (the majority of townspeople supported the strike).

This is not the first time the union has been attacked by management. Scabs first filed petitions seeking a decertification vote while the strike was in progress. The NLRB put off that election.

The Jay strike began in June 1987 and coincided with mill strikes in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania to resist wage concessions. The strikes were called off after national union leaders withdrew support. (additional info Associated Press)

They decided to strike on June 1st, meeting at the hall at 4 a.m. to organize roving pickets to visit construction sites in five Southern California counties. The strike quickly grew to include some 3,000 workers (local newspapers reported that 4,000 workers had joined the strike until July 24th, when they reduced their estimates to 1,000 [Los Angeles Times] to 1,200 [Orange County Register] without explanation).

Without union representation, workers have spread the strike through mass picketing-going to non-striking workplaces to persuade their fellow workers to join the strike. Although local construction unions have lent meeting space and other aid to the strikers, organized trades have continued to work struck job sites--continuing their long and dishonorable tradition of union scabbing.

However, some contractors have begun talks with the strikers, who are demanding both higher wages and the union representation necessary to defend their gains. Even though their union was busted ten years ago, the strikers have demonstrated that the construction bosses cannot hang drywall without them.

Food drives and benefit dances are helping the strikers hold out. If they are defeated, most agree that they won't go back to work on the bosses' terms. "If this doesn't work... I'll have to do something else," says Roy Navarro. Like his fellow strikers, he simply can't afford to work on the bosses' terms any more.

(Hermandad Mexicana Nacional is collecting donations for the strikers at 828 N. Bristol St. #204, Santa Ana CA 92703.)

International Notes

Malawi: International union official Chakufwa Chihana was released July 11, after 3 months of detention without charge, only to be "disappeared" 3 days later.

Chihana, secretary general of the Southern Africa Trade Union Co-ordinating Council (Satucc), had been held in solitary confinement at Mikuyu Prison and spent a month in leg-irons. He was released on bail after a High Court ruling on 10 July. On 13 July he was formally charged before a magistrates' court in Zomba on 3 counts of possessing or importing seditious publications.

The allegedly seditious material includes a copy of the Roman Catholic bishops' Lenten pastoral letter issued in March 1992, which criticized the government's human rights record and the one-party political system, as well as copies of speeches by Chakufwa Chihana himself. If convicted, he could face a prison sentence up to 5 years on each charge.

A condition of Chihana's bail was that he report every week to the police. He reported to Lilongwe police station at 2.30 pm on July 14 accompanied by his wife who waited outside. Twenty minutes later a police official told Mrs Chihana to go home, saying that Chihana was being taken to Zomba. However, police in Zomba later claimed no knowledge of his whereabouts. He has not been seen since.

Amnesty International has grave fears for Chakufwa Chihana's safety. Malawi President-for-life Dr H. Kamuzu Banda threatened recently that returning exiled politicians would be "meat for crocodiles" and a number of political killings by the Malawian security forces have been documented.

International Solidarity Wins Strike: A 2-month strike by 1,200 media workers at the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) ended when journalist unions around the world called for a ban on co-operation with SABC in covering the Barcelona Olympics. The NACTU affiliate Media Workers' Association of South Africa (MWASA), calls for a 30% across-the-board pay raise and an increase in the minimum wage, saying that the present level results in de facto racial discrimination. The union appealed for international assistance after the SABC said it was prepared for a "thousand-day strike" if necessary, and that it would use material from the non-union Cable News Network to maintain output.

The International Federation of Journalists, representing almost 300,000 journalists around the world, including journalists from the black and white communities in South Africa, claims that the strike is over a management strategy to enforce a new agreement which discriminates against the black workforce. "People who imagine apartheid is finished are living in a fantasy world," said Aidan White, General Secretary of the IFJ. "This strike reveals that apartheid is alive and kicking in the media in South Africa."

European IFJ affiliates called on national broadcasting companies not to provide assistance to the SABC during the Games. The SABC settled just as the international campaign was shifting into high gear. The settlement calls for a 15% wage increase and a substantially higher minimum wage.

"This is an excellent example of how international solidarity can bring intransigent and bullying employers to the negotiating table," said Aidan White, IFJ General Secretary. "The determination of the South African broadcasting workers has been an inspiration to media workers around the world. Their tenacity has won them an important and, we hope, lasting victory which should give all media workers, black and white, confidence for the future."

General Strike in South Africa The Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry advised its 5,000 members to issue written warnings and dismissals against workers observing the August 3 & 4 general strike. The strike was called to force the government to make meaningful concessions to the country's black majority. The Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) had been

negotiating with business leaders to call off the strike in exchange for a business-initiated 24-hour shutdown of the economy to pressure the government. COSATU General Secretary Jay Naidoo said business had thrown away a major opportunity to reconstitute the relationship between business and labour.

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions called on affiliates to support South Africa's workers during the general strike, especially against threatened dismissals.

The ANC claimed 90% of black workers stayed away from work. Schools were closed and streets deserted and there was no transport. About 30 persons were killed in strike-related violence.

On the day after the 2-day strike, over 100,000 took part in marches through major cities.

Union spokespersons said that bringing the economy to a halt is the only way to win their demands. An ANC statement said "as long as the de Klerk government refuses to meet our demands, the unprecedented mass action campaign will proceed in ever more creative ways."

Pakistan: Pakistan's government is trying to create union-free zones in an attempt to attract foreign investment. Under its "foreign investors' scheme", any enterprise set up by foreign investors in a so-called industrial zone-12 of which are in the pipeline--will be exempt from certain laws, specifically the 1969 Industrial Relations Ordinance.

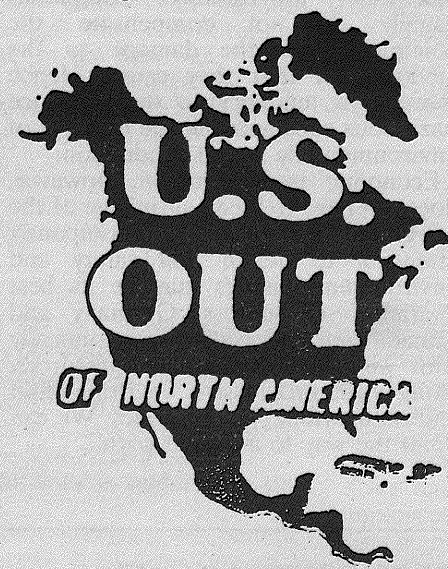
Bulgaria: Bulgarian transport workers joined workers in the post and telecommunications sector, doctors and health staff when they came out on strike July 15. The striking unions, members of the ICFTU affiliate Podkrepa, want improved working conditions and salaries, and are protesting the government's anti-union stand, in particular current discussions on anti-strike legislation.

El Salvador: Thousands of Salvadoran trade unionists walked off their jobs country-wide July 13, demanding salary rises and a full implementation of the peace accord. Observers say this is the strongest protest the Cristiani government has faced since the peace accord was signed. Communications and public services ground to a halt early in the morning in the Salvadoran capital.

Peru: The hostage taking of workers in so-called armed strikes by the Peruvian terrorist group Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) was condemned by the ICFTU July 28. The Confederation deplored the group's criminal activities and the methods used to pursue its criminal aims. "By its action, Sendero Luminoso is attacking Peru's democratic trade union movement." The ICFTU is also worried that measures adopted since President Fujimori's April 5 "constitutional coup," pose a serious threat to trade union activities.

Chad: The ICFTU has called on the government of Chad to reverse its decision to lower salaries by between 10-20% for different categories of employees and to raise income taxes by the same amount. Workers belonging to Chad's UST union federation have been on strike since July 27 in protest at these measures. Wages in the country's state enterprises and private sector have not been revised since 1969, and in the public sector since 1986.

Bermuda: The Bermuda Industrial Union (BIU) has won its appeal to have a sequestration order, brought by the government on July 1, discharged. According to a court decision on July 24, all legal costs must be paid by the Bermudan government. The writ of sequestration was served on the union following industrial action by BIU transport workers at the end of June. The BIU has called the decision "perhaps the greatest embarrassment the Bermuda government has ever suffered".



Colombia: Reports suggest the involvement of Colombian security forces in the violent killing of 4 trade unionists this month in Colombia. Two unionists from the Caldas region - one the leader of the local cement workers' union - were found dead on July 6. Their bodies showed signs of torture. On the same day, a leader of the construction workers' union in Nare was killed by unidentified assailants, and one of his colleagues was wounded in the attack. A leader of the agricultural union in the region of Bolivar died in similar circumstances on July 7.

Guyana: A pro-government umbrella labour movement called a one-day "civil strike" to demonstrate the gravity of the wages and salaries dispute in Guyana, a country facing harsh International Monetary Fund (IMF) austerity measures.

"We are striking in defence of a living wage," said Joseph Pollydore, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress and head of a 6-union federation of government employees (FUEG). The unions planned to call out air-traffic controllers, transport workers, government ministry clerks, doctors, and state lawyers among others.

The strike comes in the midst of a 'work-to-rule' by nearly 30 state-trained doctors at the 450-bed Georgetown hospital. Junior doctors earn less than \$100 U.S. per month, 3 times the monthly salaries of ordinary civil

servants. Several other strikes were staged in the teaching profession and in the textile industry in recent months.

The present \$1 daily minimum wage is less than the price of a gallon measurement of rice, the national staple, and a worker needs nearly two days' pay to buy a gallon of gasoline. (ips)

European Cooperative Development: Is the theme for a T.I.E.-sponsored conference in Leeds (UK) September 5-6. Delegates are expected from Spain, France, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, and the Netherlands, as well as from the UK. Planned workshops include: Building a European Cooperative Sourcing and Distribution Network, Effective Information Exchange between movement organizations, Building and Self-Build Cooperatives: Links Between Housing and Worker Cooperatives, How the Cooperative Movement Should React to European Union, The Financial Needs of Larger Cooperatives, etc. Sponsors: Simon Blackley, Hazelwood, Appleton Le Moors, York YO6 6TE, UK; E-mail: GEO2:S.BLACKLEY

Economic Sanctions Against

Iraq: In a recent report on the impact of the UN sanctions against Iraq, which are claiming more and more lives each day, the International Affairs Committee of the Labour Council of Metro Toronto and York region have called on Canadian trade unions to demand an immediate lifting of the sanctions and a reversal of the Canadian government's policy on Iraq. Serenji Kerikar (Worker Notice), published in Iraqi Kurdistan, has also called on labor organisations and activists worldwide to join Iraqi workers in opposing the economic blockade which "has driven our fellow workers in Iraq and Kurdistan to the brink of death and disaster."

"The economic blockade (of Iraq) is an inhuman policy," Serenji Kerikar says, "part of the assault that capitalism has today launched against the world working class in the name of the New World Order. Having driven our fellow workers in Iraq and Kurdistan to the brink of death and disaster, this economic boycott has provided a pretext for the old and new rulers of the bourgeoisie - the Iraqi government and the Kurdistan Front - through which to pursue their interests against us workers and working masses."

The International Affairs Committee notes that Iraq remains devastated by the effects of military bombardment and continuing economic sanctions. Yet "a rising drumbeat for renewal of war can be heard coming out of Washington and London. Whether this is being done to divert attention from the prolonged world capitalist recession depression, to further tighten the West's stranglehold over Gulf oil, or merely to aid U.S. President George Bush's faltering re-election campaign, it is urgent that working people everywhere denounce and seek to reverse this tide of belligerence."

"The human suffering that is a daily reality in Iraq demands world attention. The people of Iraq are in need of urgent medical, food and technical assistance, not more bombardment, blockade and embargo.... In the name of democracy, and the fight against the dictator Saddam Hussein, over 200,000 Iraqis were directly annihilated. However, tyranny and oppression continue to rule the region..." (from Worker Today)

Iran: Workers Occupy Plant

Following a series of widespread protests in February and March, 240 workers at the Khalij tarmac factory in the outskirts of Tehran began an occupation of the plant, threw out management and took over production. Management, now stationed outside the factory, has suspended pay and benefits, stopped the delivery of raw materials, closed the canteen, and is suing several workers on assault charges. It accused the factory's Islamic Council (government-set up organisations in the workplaces) of having instigated the protests instead of serving as the management's right arm. The Islamic Council has now been dissolved by the province's labour ministry.

In a letter in the official Kar-o-Kargar, the managers said, "The management is prepared to go into the plant, provided the authorities can assure the safety of our lives".

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International Notes

Iran: Unions around the world recently condemned the Iranian government's repression against workers, its denial of basic labour rights and the brutal execution of people arrested following recent mass protests. Eight workers have already been executed, and several more are on death row. At least 45 others have been sentenced to long prison terms.

In Canada, Robert White, President of the Canadian Labour Congress, called for an end to the executions and the immediate release of the hundreds of people in jail. In Vancouver the 19th Constitutional Convention of the Canadian Labour Congress, in a resolution on labour conditions in Iran, called on the CLC to work with other international labour organisations to broaden trade union support for the struggle of Iranian workers and to call on the Canadian government to suspend its financial links with Iran.

Other unions, including the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW); the Scarborough Local of CUPW; Local 660 of Service Employees International Union (SEIU); Local 1108 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union

(AFSCME); Alsace Regional Committee of the CGT union in France; Section 22 of the National Educational Workers Union of the state of Oaxaca, Mexico; Finnish Food Workers Union; and Finnish Glass Workers Union, have in letters or resolutions denounced the anti-worker policies of the Iranian government.

In connection with the recent mass arrests and the executions, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of Canada (UE) and the Unity Against Poverty organisation in Ontario condemned the Iranian government's savagery and violence against the working people.

Among the jailed labor activists are Saeed Saedi and Zahed Manouchehri, who have been sentenced to prison terms of 4 years and 2 years, respectively.

ILO finds child labour biggest source of child abuse: As many as 25% of all children between the ages of 10 and 14 are working in many third world regions, according to the 1992 world labour report released by the International Labour Organisation. The

report says that while most children are employed in agriculture, many others work in factories, as domestic servants, in family-run businesses, as street hawkers, and in prostitution.

Youngsters working as domestic servants, especially those who live in the homes of their employers, may be the most vulnerable and exploited children of all, experiencing isolation and a profound stunting of their psychological growth.

The ILO says child labourers are often exposed to high risks, and many develop life-long injuries and deformities. Child carpet-weavers in India work long hours under conditions which ruin their eyesight and lead to deformed backs and limbs. Young pencil-makers breathe in hazardous slate-dust which condemns them to early disability and death from tuberculosis and other lung disease.

Many children, the report states, are infected with the aids-related human immuno-deficiency virus (hiv) through sexual abuse by their employers, or through forced prostitution.

The ILO estimates that hundreds of millions of children are working. The numbers are greatest in Asia where some 67 million children are estimated

to be working, accounting for up to 11% of the total labour force in some nations.

Several million children work in southern Asia in child-bonded labour, and the most common situation is one in which parents accept a loan, then, unable to repay, agree to let the children work off the debt. In practice the debt never decreases, only rises, as a result of usurious interests rates and outright fraud, says the report.

Poverty is the most significant cause of child labour, but the ILO suggests the problem persists for a variety of reasons. With adequate education being scarce or too expensive, many children are left with nothing to do, and the only way they can help their families is through labour. Employers see children as a source of cheap labour, yet the paltry wages the children receive create a large jump in family income, according to the ILO.

Governments often turn a blind eye to child labour because of the foreign exchange earned by some industries that employ children. (ips)



Union Busting at Pepsi

Workers at Smiths Crisps, a UK snack foods subsidiary of PepsiCo, have voted for industrial action in response to anti-union moves by management. The conflict was triggered May 28 - opening day of national negotiations with union officials representing workers at 4 plants -- when the company announced it was terminating national negotiations. Management stated their intention to move to plant level bargaining, and declared the negotiations closed.

When union negotiators requested an adjournment to contact members at the plants, they discovered that Smiths had blocked the use of the hotel telephones to keep the news from reaching the factories.

Smiths' anti-union maneuvers are not an isolated exception. Management at Walkers Crisps, PepsiCo's other UK snack foods subsidiary, moved earlier this year to unilaterally reduce the number of elected shop stewards from 25 to 9.

Aggressive anti-union policies have become familiar to PepsiCo workers around the globe. In the Philippines and South Africa, trade unionists on strike at PepsiCo's Kentucky Fried Chicken franchises have been compelled to fend off armed vigilante attacks on union offices and picket lines.

PepsiCo remains the only TNC in our sector willing to do business with the military dictatorship in Burma, one of the worst violators of human rights in the world. PepsiCo finds the business climate in Burma so congenial that plans

are underway to double the scale of operations in direct partnership with a hand-picked crony of the ruling junta. In response to IUF queries, the company's public affairs director has now informed us that "immediate economic gain is rarely a consideration...or even a possibility...for PepsiCo. In the case of Burma, our decision as a corporation is guided by our firm belief that trade is one of the best ways to build bridges of understanding between people..."

PepsiCo's proclaimed commitment to "building bridges" in Burma is of a piece with their union bashing in the UK, the Philippines, South Africa, and elsewhere. The rhetoric is a smokescreen for the corporation's relentless pursuit of profit, and contemptuous disregard for the legal and social environment in which it operates.

PepsiCo, with worldwide operations in soft drinks, snacks, and fast foods, is a major player in the international food processing and catering industries. Squeezed by global recession and competition, it has responded with the most primitive of corporate reflexes: attacking the unions, and investing in repressive regimes.

"Building bridges" in industrial relations must begin with the affirmation of basic union rights.

IUF will be mobilizing our members to ensure that responsible corporate conduct, rather than cynical ploys, becomes PepsiCo policy throughout its worldwide operations. (Excerpted from *International Union of Foodworkers News Bulletin* # 5-6, 1992)

Free Trade: Free Ride for the Ruling Class

The only thing free about NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) is the free ride corporations are getting on the backs of workers and the environment. NAFTA does not promote increased trade; it destroys horizontal trading links and imposes a north-south flow designed to create monopolies.

The deal does not make it easier for the working class to cross national borders. The opposite is true as guards at both borders crack down with tougher crossing rules, and immigration laws that discriminate more than ever against the poor,

people of colour, and activists.

The deal is a direct threat to the environment. Already weak US and Canadian environmental laws will be thrown out the window in a bid to keep factories from moving to Mexico. NAFTA guarantees a worsening environmental crisis for everybody.

The real reason for this deal is not to "create a trading bloc of 360 million people and a \$7 trillion market" which will compete better with Japan and Europe. There is nothing efficient about cutting cloth in Wisconsin and shipping it to Mexico for assembly and shipping the shirts to Alberta for sale.

The companies that will mine ores and cut trees, who will manufacture in Mexico, who will sell the products in all 3 countries, are owned by Arab, Asian and European elites as much as they are owned by American, or North American elites. They are multinational companies, the same companies who operate in Guatemala, Indonesia and South Africa, and the world is their market. The deal will not enrich North America. It will make the vast majority poorer by far. Only the ruling class scattered around the world will be enriched, by stolen labor and stolen taxes.

For the ruling class, this deal accomplishes two objectives. Most important, NAFTA places business operations above the laws of the nation state.

As Father Miguel D'Escoto of Nicaragua says, "...the main point, the most important reason (for the deal) is to take power that governments have and formally hand it over to the multinational corporations...then if the people get upset about something, it's already too late: the government can't help them, because these arrangements - the Enterprise for the (see *Free Trade*, page 14)

How Advertising Controls the Boss Press

A report by the Center for the Study of Commercialism, "Dictating Content: How Advertising Pressure Can Corrupt A Free Press," documents how the news media tailor editorial content to suit advertisers. For example, Paramount Pictures pulled all advertising from Daily Variety after film critic Joseph McBride panned the movie *Patriot Games* as a "shallow" adaptation of Tom Clancy's "right-wing cartoon of the British-Irish political situation." Editor Peter Bart apologized to Paramount, promising that McBride would never review another Paramount movie.

Financial analyst Graef Crystal, who launched the national debate on executive salaries while at Fortune magazine, has been fired from a similar job at Financial World after advertisers

complained that their executives were getting bad coverage.

Ford and General Motors convinced Saturday Night Live producers to take their names out of a skit, "Tall Tales From the Recession," depicting Ford and GM chairmen competing to lay off the most workers. The final version used fictitious company names.

Popular computer pundit William Zachman quit his job at *PC Week* after editors demanded he write friendlier columns about Microsoft. The software company, one of *PC Week's* largest advertisers, had complained about a series of critical articles. The evening after editors tried to pressure Zachman, a Microsoft official called to "re-educate" him on their product.

The *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* lost

nearly all advertising from Northwest Airlines after the newspaper published an advertisement, paid for by a grassroots organization, that blasted Northwest's campaign to win state financing in exchange for building maintenance hubs in Minnesota. Northwest also criticized the *Star-Tribune* for covering the debate in regular news stories, even though an editorial supported the airline's position.

Meanwhile, a story in the business section of the June 29 issue of *Time* magazine reports that McDonald's is actually a huge charity, serving poor communities and helping sick children. "McDonald's stands out not only as one of the more socially responsible companies in America but also as one

of the nation's few truly effective social engineers," writes *Time*.

Says McDonald's President Edward Rensi: "Sending a kid into the Army used to be the standard way to teach kids values, discipline, respect for authority, to be a member of a team. Now, somehow, McDonald's has become the new entry-level job-training institution in America."

On July 8 the Associated Press ran a dispatch about the Kroc dynasty, putting its personal fortune at \$1.3 billion. Laboring 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, with no time off for any vacations or breaks, it would take one of the Kroc family's \$4.25-an-hour employees 148,000 years to accumulate that much wealth.

From Around the Union



Branch News from Winnipeg

The IWW Group in Winnipeg is growing steadily. More and more workers it seems are becoming disenchanted with mainstream unions.

This Spring, the Independent May Day Committee of the Winnipeg IWW organized the largest May Day Parade that Winnipeg has seen in a great many years. Support was received from a great many leftists, and we hope with continued effort to make future parades rival those of bygone years, when our city was the hub of socialist thinking in Canada. The parade drew as many as 6,000 participants in 1932 - almost 100 times as many as marched in 1992!

More recently local Wobblies have been lending their support to striking steel workers at Northern Blower here in Winnipeg. Workers there have been out for almost 2 months, with no settlement in sight. The boss hasn't moved on concessions like a \$3 hourly wage cut. On August 5 we were successful in helping strikers to chase an armoured and axle greased scab bus leaving the plant, warding off "shotgun" trucks protecting the scab bus, and managed to videotape scabs at their drop off point, one hour and many recklessly driven miles later. We hope this sort of tactics will discourage the scabs and avoid the need for more radical action. We should mention that company thugs escorting the bus made no attempt to protect the scabs as they disembarked, in what could have become a dangerous situation. Which all the more exemplifies the bosses' contempt for any wage slave, even ones risking their very existence to keep his plant in operation.

Well that's about all the news for now except that 3 of our fellow workers will be attending the General Assembly in Ann Arbor. Hope to see you there. - X337906

Dear Captain Swing & Ned Ludd,

The August issue of the Industrial Worker is the best I've seen. The best thing about that issue was all the stuff on direct action. That's the sort of stuff I can USE. The listing of tactics, the stories, USEFUL. There was some talk in the GOB about what the content of the paper should be. How about some stuff on organizing? I'll bet - I hope - that there are some other isolated Wobs out there like me who just aren't sure how to go about it & could use some good information & the stories of others who've been successful. Actions are good - they get the goods and are educational. But it's good to build permanent organization too, I think.

You asked for stories of direct action. Here's one: I work as a temporary, mostly data entry. If you think you're treated like a slave by the boss now, try doing temp work. On one job the bosses decided that in order to get more production out of us they would cut the morning and afternoon 15-minute breaks - so instead of staring at a VDT for 2 hours at a stretch we'd work for 4 at a stretch.

Maybe I should have thanked them for letting us keep our lunch break, but instead I talked to the most militant workers I could find, and organized them into walking out at the normal break times. There were only a few of us who actually walked at the first break, but by the time we got back, more were gone from their terminals. We did the same thing in the afternoon, and by the end of the day the bosses didn't know when ANYONE was leaving or when they'd be back. The following day, management silently reversed the policy and started announcing breaks as usual.

The best thing was that not only did it give me a reason to talk union, but also provided the best education in solidarity possible -- successful experience.

When I joined the IWW a few months ago I thought maybe I was just joining a historical society. But when I see what we're getting done, see the disenchantment with standard unions, our emphasis on direct action and democracy, and see (now that I've started agitating) the kind of discontent that's really there - I think for every boot-licker there's at least one border-line militant - that maybe we have the formula for renewed labor movement. Thanks for your great work.

In Solidarity,
Mike Striley.

Send your own personal stories of direct action on the job to: Captain Swing & Ned Ludd, PO Box 2541, Stn. D, Ottawa ON K1P 5W6 Canada.

And now by popular demand, it's another true tale of travail, from Martin Sprouse's new book *Sabotage in the American Workplace*, just released on July 4, 1992 by Pressure Drop Press. Here's one worker who knows how to add relish to a dull job:



Pickle Packer Terry

In the part of Michigan where I lived, if young people were desperate for a summer job they worked at Aunt Jane's Pickle factory. For many of them it was thier first job, so they were sincere, full of energy and worked hard. The company took advantage of this. They knew that children could be subdued fairly easy and wouldn't complain with force like adults do. This place was a sweat shop where the working conditions were poor; it was non-union so the people that worked there had no rights. The foreman made sure everyone looked straight ahead and didn't socialize. Profit was more important than anything else.

Most people worked on the assembly line, the worst of the jobs there, packing pickles in jars as fast as they could until their arms were aching. I studied that factory well. There were seven main conveyor belts that brought pickles into the factories from the trucks. The belts brought pickles to other belts that brought the pickles to the different packing stations. I found the controls for the belts and slowed down the belt for the packers and sped it up from the trucks. So I was overloading the main belt with more pickles than could be packed. Every day I would increase the speed a little bit more. I noticed that the bearings on the belt were worn, and the speed-ups only put them under more stress. I started throwing pickles under the belt to add to the stress of those bearings. Finally the belt started ripping and I threw more pickles under it and then the belt snapped in two. Everything came to a halt.

After the belt was fixed during lunch break, I took a whole case of jars and threw them into the tumbler. The jars would go through this first, which would put pickles in the jars at random, as the packers on the lines finished the packing. Lo and behold, when production started up, the jars in the tumbler were smashed. There was so much noise in the factory that you couldn't hear a thing. Consequently, glass ended up in the jars. It took a while until someone noticed, but by that time it was too late. The foreman in charge of our line shut everything down for three days in order to clean out the tumbler. The company had to throw three complete pallets of packed pickles to be sure that no glass was sent out to the public. The foreman took us off the line, put us against a wall and asked, "Which one of you son of a bitches did this?" Nobody knew except me how it happened and of course I denied everything. So, no one got blamed and the company lost thousands and thousands of dollars.

During the time that I worked there, the line that I was working on lost a significant amount of money because of the machines being broken, parts that had to be replaced and the amount of jars and pickles that had to be thrown away. The beauty of it all was that I was a clean cut young man that looked forward when the foreman told me not to socialize. When he told me to be a robot, I was a robot. But I was a thinking robot.

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Tribute to Ed Mann 1928-1992

by Shirley Pasholk & Leonard Grbinick

Ed Mann was born January 6, 1928 in Toledo, Ohio. After serving in the Marines in WWII he moved to Youngstown, Ohio and held a series of jobs while attending university on the GI Bill.

Ed joined the United Labor Party, formed in Akron at the end of WWII, which ran candidates for local office. In the 1950's Ed picketed against the Ku Klux Klan and helped racially integrate a Youngstown swimming pool. He attended Socialist Workers Party meetings, but became disillusioned by internal splits, and never joined another socialist group. In later years Ed described himself as an "anarchist" who couldn't fit into an organized group.

Ed started at the Brier Hill Works of Youngstown Sheet & Tube in 1952. He wanted to be a machinist, so he took an apprentice test soon after being hired. But the department where he worked also needed a union steward, so he took the job and immediately filed a grievance which won considerable back pay for a number of workers. He never heard any more about the apprentice program, in spite of having the highest score on the test. This early experience demonstrates one of Ed's important qualities: he always fought for what he believed was right, regardless of the effect on his own life.

Ed's principled approach brought him into conflict with local union leaders as well as the company. He opposed union cronyism and special deals with the company. He said, "The union thought what was good for the company was good for the union. I don't agree. I think the union should look out for its members. The company can look out for itself."

Ed played a role in rank-and-file

steelworker movements. In the late fifties he supported the Dues Protest Committee. A group in Local 1462 formed the Organization for Membership Rights, which later evolved into the Rank and File Team. Ed also worked closely with Black steelworkers in opposing discrimination from the company and union. He took part in anti-Vietnam War demonstrations and was active with the Peace Council of Youngstown.

In 1973, Ed was elected president of Local 1462, a position he held until his retirement when the plant closed in 1980. Gerald Dickey, Recording Secretary for Local 1462, said, "Ed Mann is the best there has ever been in arbitration." A sign hanging over the entrance to the Local 1462 hall best described Ed's philosophy as a Local Union president. It read, "Local 1462 - Home of the Rank & File."

When the company tried to cut pay or jobs, Ed didn't tell workers to file a grievance and wait years for an arbitration decision. Instead, he explained that if they stuck together they had the power to force the company to back down. And the company did back down on several occasions, faced with solid wildcat strikes.

Ed often cited the strike over Tony's death. After the company rejected 33 safety grievances, a popular worker, days short of retirement, was crushed when a truck backed over him. One of the safety complaints had been the need for backup warning horns on trucks. The workers walked out in memory of Tony. Next day the newspaper reported Tony had been killed by his own negligence. Though the company had already agreed to their safety demands,

the workers voted to stay on strike until the company had a retraction printed in the newspaper. Of his own role, Ed said, "If you're not going to do something, then you're not going to be a leader, are you?"

In October of 1978 LTV Steel announced plans to shut down the Brier Hill Works. After putting up a good fight, Ed concluded that the closing was inevitable and tried to negotiate the best benefits possible.

Although Ed retired from the steel mill in 1980, he did not retire from activity. In 1979 Ed took part in the Pittsburgh occupation of the US Steel Building. In 1980 he led USWA Local 1330 in the occupation of US Steel's Youngstown office.

Ed took out petitions to run for Congress as an independent to focus on plant closings and corporate/political disregard for communities. Health problems forced him to withdraw, and later he concluded that the campaign would have been a mistake because it did not grow naturally from any movement.

Whenever there was a strike, you could find Ed Mann. If told to leave the picket line, he would ask the person if they "ever read the constitution of the United States? This is a free country and I'm not moving until you give me a good reason to."

Ed was active in the Workers Solidarity Club of Youngstown, a group which lends active support to strikes and organizing drives. Ed contributed basics like wood for the barrel-fires on picket lines in winter. He would often explain how no strike had ever been won by following court injunctions, and that workers could only win as much as they were able and willing to take.

Ed helped organize pickets in defiance of an anti-union injunction at the Trumbull Memorial Hospital Strike of 1982. During this strike Ed was brutally beaten by police and arrested. While most of those arrested plead guilty to misdemeanor and paid a \$50 fine, Ed took his case all the way to the Ohio Supreme Court with the assistance of the ACLU, and won the case. Equally important to Ed, the hospital strike was won by the strategy of effectively blocking access with pickets.

In 1985, Ed travelled to the Phelps-Dodge strike; in 1986, to Gary, Indiana to assist locked out USX workers. He also spent a weekend on the Pittston picket line. Ed fought for retirees' health benefits at LTV Steel. He worked with other Youngstown retirees to form Solidarity USA. He was a president of the Youngstown ACLU.

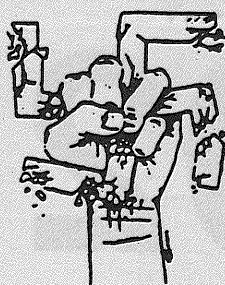
Ed did a lot, but he handled it well in spite of health problems; he was a diabetic.

Ed Mann proudly carried an IWW card. He believed people should have control over their lives, especially at work. He argued that fundamental change could only be achieved by replacing business unions with militant, socially conscious unions, and replacing this society with one based on human needs.

Ed's wife and life companion, Betty, worked closely with him in his struggles to build a better world. Their 3 children and 3 grandchildren learned early about the importance of solidarity.

After a cerebral hemorrhage, Ed Mann passed away March 23, 1992. The world won't be the same now that Ed Mann is gone, but it will also never be the same because he was here for 64 years.

STRIKE! to Stop Slide to Fascism



We all notice it. Harder to buy groceries. More people unemployed. An economic depression that doesn't end. The attempt to smash unionism. More scandals in the Congress and indictments among the White House insiders. US troops deployed in wars and war "games". Essential services like health care, housing and public transportation collapsing. Urban neighborhoods go up in flames from some rebellions and many arsonist landlords. Anger and frustration increases among the workers. Women are targeted for restrictions on everything from working to access to abortion. There is a dramatic rise in racism and anti-foreigner feelings.

Like everything in this instant TV news society, except sports and entertainment, the media has portrayed these events as random issues. There are things that just happen in every country and they have no answer. It is another day in the United States. No history to the issues. No causes are proposed. No solutions are considered. Image is everything.

What is going on in the United States? For fifty years US based multinational corporations (MNCs) dominated. MNCs conquered the world with an American accent - forcing open markets, stealing resources with the aid of the always ready gun, buying silence. Foreign policy was concerned that no market - ally or foe - should be closed to US companies. These riches allowed the US elite to buy off its domestic opponents with economic growth.

Since the end of the 1970s, the US has been in conflict. Not in the streets, but in the boardrooms. Multinationals can no longer deliver the goods. On a world scale, the US MNCs are being forced out of economic domination of international markets. The post-war economic boom fueled by the rebuilding of Western Europe and the rape of the third world is over. Western Europe is trying to chart its own capitalist course in a global market (which some citizens in Denmark are

rightly resisting). The third world has increased the price of exploitation by protest and revolution.

The US is turning to domestic capital to prop up its failing capitalism. Buy American. Those awful and ungrateful Japanese and Europeans. Domestic capital is insular. Patriotic in the extreme, it seeks removal of foreign influence, and it treats its workers the way that multinational companies treat workers in the third world.

The fight has erupted in the papers. GM, Chrysler and Ford pray that we buy American. Other sectors of capital say that all cars are international. Multiculturalism is promoted; patriotism and border restrictions are enacted. We ask other to open their markets while we close our own. Intra-class fights. Domestic vs. International. It is a time of flux for capital.

But we have seen these issues before. Marx proposed that history repeated was farce. Well, we are entering a farce. The closest parallel to the current moment in the US is the slide of Germany to fascism in 1932-33.

The rise and fall of Ross Perot, Patrick Buchanan and David Duke were a forewarning of things to come. There were many false leaders before Hitler, each looking for the right tone.

Germany in the 30s was in a recession of huge, unending proportion. Unemployment was rising and would continue to rise. The soldiers were being returned to the streets unemployed and unable to find work because the nation couldn't afford them anymore. Welfare was removed. No relationship to here?

Germany in this period had accessible abortion on demand. That was replaced by the motherhood campaign where women were pushed out of the workforce to be placed in a role of mothers and protectors of the traditional German values. Sound familiar?

The Reichstag was tied to a succession of corruption scandals. It was viewed

as old men unable to govern the country. It was considered an institution out of touch with the country. The president was viewed as a figurehead. Remind you of anything?

The leaders of German industry focused on the country's own population and turned to new ideas of controlling workers. Communists and unionists were targeted and smashed using thugs and bought-off union leaders. Unions were turned into institutions of the state which only did business in courts. Does this ring a bell?

Gays were targeted to be exterminated or experimented upon. Minorities became slaves to the needs of industry. Just enough pay for bare survival. Foreigners imprisoned and the borders closed with barb wire and towers. That was a long time ago?

Workers were exhorted to follow a fuhrer (direct translation -- guide) who promised a Nu Welt Reich (direct translation -- New World Order). They were told that they could once again be number one in the world and make other weaker nations look up to them. There were appeals to their patriotism. The country was involved in a series of small wars to test its strength. Never happen here?

The US is testing out this model in Peru and has tested it in the past in Brazil and Argentina. Fascist, popular leaders who take away the rights of segments of the population like workers and women. Privatised death squads to take care of troublemakers. These leaders allow the big industries to re-tool without trouble because they simply fire workers at will. They can take away the last remaining trees and jobs and destroy the environment with the working class victims spreading the bosses yellow ribbon propaganda. They can have all the money flow straight to the rich without even pretending about the poor. They can cut the costs of production without complaint from terrified workers. We already see some industries, like the timber and chemi-

cal industries, moving to private vigilantes to take care of anyone organizing against them or bombing those who really cause them trouble. The shadowy overlap of government secret police and 10,000 US private police forces grow ever more sophisticated.

Ross Perot was a test of the popularity of an explicitly fascist leader. But the conditions are not yet ripe. The white suburban middle class has not yet turned to fascism because it is still early day in the recession. They still have their cars, children in colleges and a job. But that is already changing. Two years from now, we will be in the same recession and the middle class will not be able to afford the same things. Racist propaganda, attacks on basic rights, and selling of the security state are clearing the path for the next Perot-Duke-Buchanan. With increased desperation in a failing economy more Americans may turn to the yellow ribbon brand of fascism.

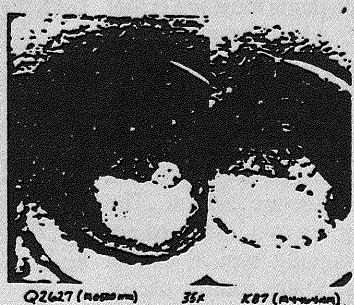
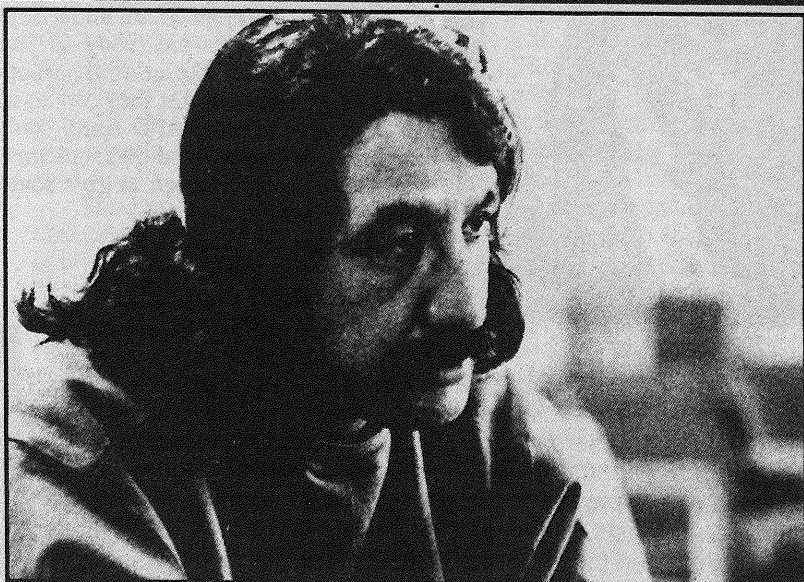
Only one thing can allow this slide to fascism to occur. Our implicit or explicit acceptance of it. We staff their factories. We hold their guns. We listen to their media. We vote for them.

We have the same choices as German workers had in 1932. We can fight or we can accept. We have one advantage. Social democrats told the workers of Germany that they would fight through elected officials in the Reichstag which led many workers up the wrong path. We already know that Social Democrats have nothing to offer us but more fascism in disguise of cooperation with industry.

Workers have always had a way to stop the slide to fascism or anything else that they don't want to happen. We fight back in our workplaces. We strike. We strike for better pay and conditions. We strike for better conditions for women. We strike against racist treatment of our foreign friends. We strike to protest the deployment of troops against rioting people. We strike to stop their toxic fumes from giving us cancer. We strike the possibility of fascism into non-existence.

But we must do it now! Tomorrow may be too late. There can be no worse feeling than watching the world pass from within a cattle truck full of people heading to a concentration camp and knowing that you could once have stopped it all.

Free Leonard Peltier



RECOVERED .223 CALIBER COIT RIFLE RECEIVED FROM SA [redacted] BATE, CONTAINS DIFFERENT FIRING PIN THAN THAT IN RIFLE USED AT RESMURS' SCENE

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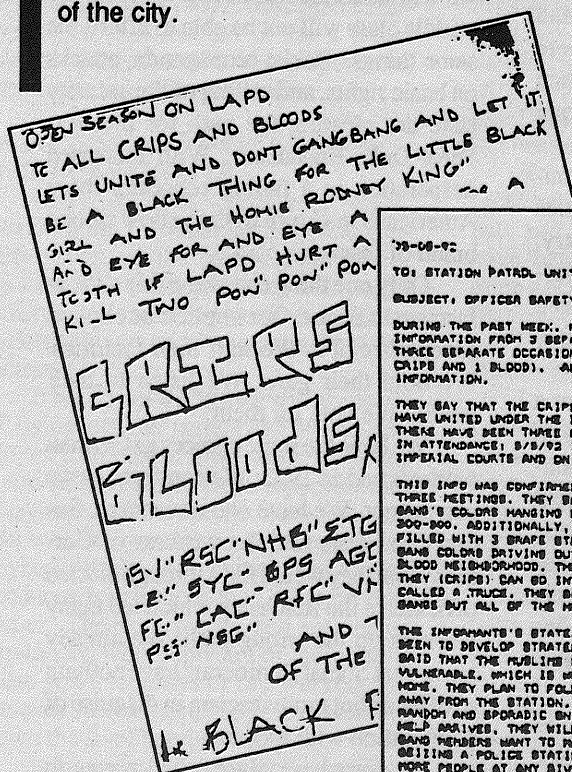
The FBI's own evidence that the gun they say Peltier used was not used to kill the agents.

free all political prisoners

LA '92

In Los Angeles I think we are beginning to see a repressive context that is literally comparable to Belfast or the West Bank, where policing has been transformed into full-scale counterinsurgency (or "low-intensity warfare," as the military likes to call it), against an entire social stratum or ethnic group. This means that virtually every member of the "terrorist population" is "managed" by the police in some fashion, whether through literal imprisonment or through new restrictions on freedom of movement and association. The effect is as if a permanent state of martial law were imposed on specific neighborhoods or sections of the city.

Mike Davis
CAIB interview



Disinformation spread by LAPD after rebellion.

The Mayday '92 rebellion in Los Angeles was the test ground for a new model of urban counterinsurgency developed by the US government. Five thousand federal troops were moved into LA immediately. This was followed by thousands of personnel from every branch of federal law enforcement. 18,000 arrests took place while over 2000 were injured and 58 killed in a class rebellion with racial components. The state of California legislature suspended rights of quick arraignment for the arrested and began considering permanent reductions in the rights of accused persons in that state. During and following the rebellion hundreds of people were deported without even being charged with crimes. Following the rebellion the LAPD raided home after home in South Central LA allegedly searching for looted goods but often seizing any substantial piece of property for which receipts could not be produced.

Mike Davis, ex-truck driver, current author and labor historian, lives in Los Angeles and is a close observer of that city. His recent book on LA *City of Quartz* is a useful analysis of LA's development. Davis was recently interviewed in *Covert Action Information Bulletin*. In that interview he notes that the tactics used by the state in repressing the no peace/no justice rebellion 'are not unfamiliar,' but says three new and ominous elements have been added.

"First of all, we have seen the unveiling of the domestic version of the Rapid Deployment Force. We can assume, henceforth, that elite elements of the Army and Marines will be quickly moved into any large scale urban disorder at an early stage, and not as a reluctant last-ditch measure, as when paratroopers were finally sent into Detroit in 1967.

"Secondly military deployment was accompanied by an unprecedentedly massive introduction of a thousand personnel from every branch of federal law enforcement, including marshals, FBI, DEA, Border Patrol, and the BATF. On the one hand, INS and Border Patrol agents, as-

sisted by the LAPD, swept through the streets of MacArthur Park and other immigrant Latino neighborhoods like a giant vacuum cleaner.

"Thirdly, prosecutors from the US Attorney's office, working in a special task force with the DA are superimposing layers of additional federal offenses on key defendants. The legal lynching of the four youths accused of attacking the truck driver and other motorists is the most vivid example so far of how the Bush administration's "weeding" of the cities will work. In this case, "interference with interstate commerce," a felony that carries a possible 20 year sentence, has been charged on the surreal grounds that the truck driver's cargo (local gravel) was being hauled to a destination where it might be mixed with out-of-state ingredients."

That beating, broadcast live from a TV news helicopter, has been repeated and commented upon endlessly by the media. The propaganda message is that the beating of white truck driver Reginald Denny by four African American youths and the beating of black car driver Rodney King by four white cops are parallel. In fact Kings beating was an act of state terrorism employed in a systematic and deliberate fashion. The media claim that the two instances are equal and are equally typical events covers up for the States routine use of brutality — in the ghetto, on the reservation, on the picket line — to maintain order.

Paul de Pasquale, defense attorney for one of the LA cops acquitted of beating King, basically acknowledged this in his closing arguments: "This unpleasant incident is what we have police for. The circumstances here were consistent with the job the man was hired to do. He was part of the line between society and chaos." Of the video-taped beating of Rodney King, de Pasquale said, "This is not some orgy of violence. This is careful police work."



rebellion repression

The two large Los Angeles gang federations, the Bloods and the Crips, have declared a truce in their turf battles. The truce, which began before the rebellion, is described by gang members as a way to improve the community. "The media and police are taking it out of context that we're coming together to battle the police, the National Guard, the FBI," ex-Grape Street Crip Elementary told a reporter from the Nation of Islam's The Final Call. "That isn't the purpose of the truce. We're just tired of seeing babies and mothers going through the grief. It's senseless. We're waking up and realizing that this is a positive place that we live in and we can make it better. From here it's like the human rights movement."

Gang members are aware of the FBI history of disrupting gangs. In Chicago for example the FBI under the Richard Held (the older one) boosted the drug gang El Rukn in order to diminish the influence of the revolutionary Black Panther Party whose leaders the FBI and Chicago Police assassinated. A politically conscious federation of Bloods and Crips will attract agents provocateur from the secret police at several levels. Additionally the RICO statutes (the new version of the old criminal



syndicalism laws) may yet be used against gang leaders as well as leaders from the Nation of Islam including Minister Louis Farrakhan whose influence in African American urban communities is extremely high.

Musician Ice T told Rolling Stone magazine: "I totally predict that if we don't listen, people are going to move to bloodshed. I know from listening to the homeys and the people in the street, if they do not see justice, then they are going to move, and this time it's going to be on more than inanimate objects. They're going to hurt some people. So are we going to get some justice? Are you going to send some of these killer cops to jail, show people that everybody is responsible under the law? Or are you going to show them that the law doesn't work? And in that case, why should they respect any of the laws?"

"There's a lot of shit I don't really like speaking on yet, it's still too heavy. They really got to know that I got a lot more shit heavier to say than 'Cop Killer.' People are truly fed up, man. You got to remember that half the people in the ghetto got somebody who's in jail, and then they see these people walk free. Their cousin and uncle and daddy's locked up for some bullshit, and then they see these politicians getting away with it. They're just fed up. They're going to do whatever they see fit."

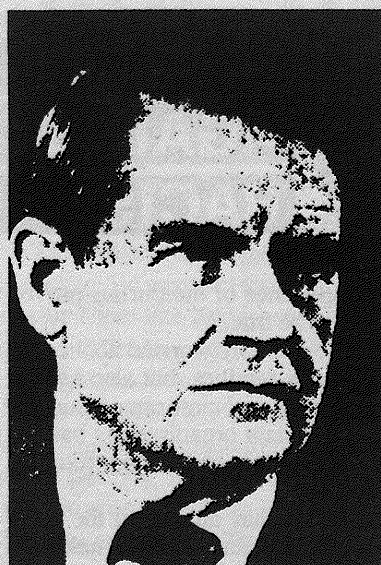
"America — somebody needs to hit a reset button on this whole place, try to get everybody in check. People just have to be aware. People out there say, 'Oh, the riot, that's over with.' If you think it's over with, you are so sadly mistaken. You are tripping. You just do not know how quick motherfuckers are ready to flip again. I mean ready, like let's do it tomorrow. They found out that they can do it, and if it goes down, LAPD really can't hold them. I pray to God that somehow some miracle will happen to give some form of justice."



The military establishment (the a-national military class) no longer opposes anything but civilian societies - its own civilian societies. The military class is turning into an internal super-police. In ancient society, in which economic and political strategies dominated, the army was a national defense; its job was to protect borders, or to expand them by fighting the enemy. In the interests of national security - the term itself is quite interesting -- the armed forces turn against their own populations: on the one hand to exact the funds necessary for Pure War, the infinite development of their weaponry; and on the other hand to control society. It's no longer exo-colonization (the age of extending world conquest), but the age of intensiveness and endo-colonization. One now colonizes only one's own population. One underdevelops one's own civilian society.

Paul Virilio
Pure War

William Webster class enemy



William Webster, a former Federal Judge and former director of the FBI and CIA, has been appointed to chair a commission to look into the LA rebellion. The agenda of the commission is not to get at the causes of class and racism. The commission will be addressing the problem of how the state can more effectively repress people in pursuit of its racist and classist agenda. A hired thug of the highest rank has been chosen to oversee that process.

In 1978 Webster was chief judge of the federal Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and initial chair of the panel which reviewed Leonard Peltiers appeal. Despite finding that the FBI had fabricated evidence the court rejected Peltiers appeal. A short time later Webster was appointed director of FBI.

Later confronted by a Congressional panel looking into illegal FBI activities Webster commented: "Our role should be an investigator's role,

not a peacekeeper's role." As the authors of *COINTELPRO Papers* analyze it: "The director's use of the word 'peacekeepers' in such a context is illuminating, insofar as this is the standard term in military and police parlance applied to counterinsurgency operatives. The real meaning imbedded in the director's semantics is further revealed in the fact that FBI documents throughout the period openly and consistently refer to dissident Indians as 'insurgents.' The FBI not only undertook a full-fledged COINTELPRO against AIM, it escalated the conceptual and tactical approach to include outright counterinsurgency warfare techniques. Only in this context can the events at Wounded Knee be rendered comprehensible."

Webster was director of the FBI from 1978 to 1985. He oversaw the spying on CISPES. From 1985 until 1991 Webster was Director of Central Intelligence where he helped manipulate the fall of the Sandinistas and support for then favored, now fall guy, Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

At the Los Angeles police department the replacement of the police chief is an opportunity to sacrifice a "few bad apples" and put on a public face as a "kinder and gentler" LAPD. But the problem is not just a few racist bad cops, it's the system. Webster can be expected to further develop the use of intelligence in LA. Already the LAPD data banks include of tens of thousands of names. Simply being in the data bank can get you arrested or harassed. More efficient methods of using such data will be transferred to other big and medium sized cities. Another reaction by the state to the LA Rebellion will be increased federal-local coordination in developing plans for the military control of urban populations and urban rebellions. These new programs at LAPD come at the same time New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Detroit are getting new top cops and going through shake-ups.

Meanwhile the media will continue to sell these new forms of repression to white liberals whose main complaint about the rebellion seems to be that the LAPD did not react with enough speed and brutality. White fear sells big in '90s America.

Webster is a busy man these days. He has also been appointed to the three member panel that oversees the Teamsters union in the Federal government takeover that still continues. Amazingly Webster -- railroader of Peltier, director of FBI and CIA -- has the "neutral" seat of the three person panel. Webster is no neutral in the class war. Webster is a thug and terrorist who has made a career of war against the working class and indigenous peoples of the world.



WHO BOMBED JUDI BARI?

Two years after the carbomb assassination attempt on IWW organizers and Earth First! activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney the perpetrators remain at large. The only investigation looking for the truth is that conducted by the Wobbly Bureau of Investigation. WBI was formed by the IWW to investigate the bombing and pursue the lawsuit known as *Bari v Held*.

That lawsuit against Richard Held, the Oakland Police Department and other police agencies proceeds slowly. The judge has so far denied the defendants any easy out. Defendant Richard Held is boss of the San Francisco office of the FBI. He has a work record which includes Wounded Knee, framing Geronimo Ji Jaga (Pratt) for a Los Angeles murder that took place while the FBI's own logs show he was in Oakland, the murder of two Puerto Rican Independentista leaders, and setting up secret right wing paramilitary groups.

You can support the work of Wobbly Bureau of Investigation in trying to find out the facts about the May 24, 1990 Oakland bombing by writing to WBI, PO Box 7544, Santa Rosa CA 95407. Donations are needed and welcomed. There are several books which detail the FBI's assault on democracy. See page 15 of this paper for information on several titles.

As reported in last months Industrial Worker and recent issues of the Anderson Valley Advertiser the perse-

verance of IWW-EF! is paying off. Timber workers are getting together with each other and with IWW-EF! folks and talking about taking on the real common enemy -- the corporations.

Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney will be appearing at a concert September 4 in Ann Arbor Michigan. The concert will open the annual IWW Assembly. Cherney will also be traveling through out the country on a wide ranging tour sponsored by the IWW and Earth First! as well as local organizations in the various cities. The itinerary includes Salt Lake City, Boulder, Madison, South Bend, Detroit, Cleveland, Youngstown, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville, St. Louis, Houston, Austin, and the Nevada Test Site on Columbus Day. Contact the IWW near you for more information.

Now Judi Bari is a Wobbly organizer
A Mother Jones at the Georgia
Pacific mill

She fought for the sawmill workers
hit by a PCB spill

T. Marshall Hahn's calling GP
shots from Atlanta

Don Nelson sold him the union long ago
They weren't gonna have no Wobblies
runnin' their logging show

So I ask you now who bombed Judi Bari
I know you're out there still
Have you seen her broken body
or the spirit you can't kill

DARRYL CHERNEY © 1990



IWW Organizes SF Bar

IWW organized maintenance workers at the End-Up bar in San Francisco have been fired for organizing. The End-Up is located in the South of Market area of the city. It caters to the local lesbian-gay-bi-transgender community and is owned by Miracle Mile Enterprises.

A boycott on the End-Up by the IWW and a campaign to build support in the lesbian-gay community has begun. In addition the Teamsters Union has voted to honor the IWW picket line which blocks deliveries to the club most days of the week.

The End-Up has a long history of mistreating its workers. A favorite method of these bosses is arbitrary firings and the creation of an atmosphere of fear and intimidation which brutal economic behavior by bosses creates. One man was recently fired because he had AIDS and could not do certain tasks. A woman who had been arbitrarily fired blew her brains out in front of the End-Up.

In the spring of this year janitorial employees at the bar decided to organize an IWW Job Shop as a means to counter the arbitrariness of management. An important reason for organizing was to keep the collective department structure which the workers themselves had instituted. The workers had designed ways to get the work done efficiently with little need for management. This made the End-Up a better place to work for its employees. It also made the bar a cleaner and more

comfortable place for its patrons. The IU 670 members were concerned also about discriminatory hiring practices -- no people of color and only one woman on the maintenance crew. Another concern has been the need to educate others in the community about the benefits of union organizing. The gay-lesbian community expressed righteous outrage at Governor Pete Wilson's veto of AB101, a bill designed to legalize workplace discrimination based on sexuality and gender. Yet there is often silence when workers are arbitrarily fired or mistreated by employers who are part of this same community.

By May first a majority of maintenance workers at the End-Up had signed up. They began writing a contract aided by other members of the local general membership branch. The contract calls for union recognition, employee input into decisions that affected their department, and disciplinary and grievance procedures to prevent arbitrary firings and other disciplinary action.

On July 20th, with all the maintenance workers at End-Up signed up as IWW members, two workers and IWW staffer Bill Dunham delivered a contract proposal to the management of the End-Up. On the following day the most vocal IWW member of the maintenance crew was fired. Management said it was a "personality dispute" and cited the California law allowing bosses to "fire at will." The next day another Wobbly was

fired. This worker had recently been told by the office manager and new supervisor that they were satisfied with his work; two days after presenting the proposed contract the manager claimed his work performance was not up to "minimum standards". and management contacted the IWW office in San Francisco to say that all IWW members were being fired. No one was ever warned that their performance, behavior or attitude was unacceptable. Union organizing is still a legally protected activity in this country although increasingly dependent on how hard we fight for it ourselves.

The IU 670 members and supporters continue day time picketing to dispute delivery of supplies to the End-Up. The local Central Council of the Teamsters Union has voted to honor the IWW picket line. Teamster drivers do not cross the line. Beer, liquor and other supplies does continue to reach the club delivered by management persons from either the bar or the suppliers. When the IWW picketers blocked one delivery with their bodies they soon found the armed thugs of the San Francisco Police Department on hand to arrest them and lock them in the police car so the delivery could be made.

A late July informational picket by fifteen Wobblies and friends, many in drag and costumes seemed to reach most of the patrons of the club. Many were hesitant to enter the club although a boycott was not yet being called for. The

highlight of that evening according to the San Francisco General Membership Branch bulletin *Wildcat* was when End-Up manager Doug Whitmore marched through the picket straight up to CoWorker Deke. The manager, reeking of alcohol, began shouting "You little chickenshit motherfucker. We'll deal with this anytime, anywhere!" Though Whitmore probably had a half foot and thirty pounds advantage on him, Deke replied calmly, "How about now? Can we have our jobs back? Will you recognize our union?" Exasperated, Whitmore stormed back into the club.

During the last half of August boycott posters have gone up in the predominately gay and lesbian Castro district of San Francisco. Several evening hours informational pickets have been held. In these cases most patrons who talked with informational picketers were supportive. The full fledged community boycott now called for will test that. Weekend informational tabling and picketing will take place in September. SF area Wobblies and supporters are encouraged to contact Bill Dunham at 415-863-9627 for more details.

Many gay and lesbian people move to San Francisco in hopes of finding a town where they won't be discriminated against for their sexual orientation. In fact the many marginal retail service establishments in the gay-lesbian parts of town offer lousy wages and are intolerant of union or other worker initiative.

Open Letter to European Workers, Union Leaders & Anti-Fascist Militants

By Farhad Besharat

Europe has been hit once again by the malaise of fascism. The events of the past few months have proven this bare fact beyond contention. 700 arson attacks on houses and camps of refugees and immigrants in Germany, as well as many similar incidents in France, Italy, Denmark and Sweden, together with parliamentary and democratic victory of outright racist political parties in most European countries show that fascism is not a future possible danger, but a living and powerful menace in the present Europe.

REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS: THE SCAPEGOATS

Unemployment, cutback in wages, deterioration of social security and welfare system are the breeding grounds of fascism. But the capitalists, their politicians as well as the fascists themselves try to put the blame on anything but the above factors.

If we do not work, they will accuse us of living off the taxes paid by the employed Europeans. If we work, then they claim we have stolen the job opportunities of unemployed Europeans. You know well that we, like yourselves, have not stolen anybody's jobs. Any person who works, produces much more than what he consumes. The very patriot and nationalist capitalists, who in pursuit of more profit close down factories or fire workers, are the ones who are stealing jobs and cutting down the livelihood of many.

In Germany, they blame the previous regime in the east for the rising unemployment and fascism, concealing the fact that

in France and Sweden, which never had such a regime, too, exists unemployment and fascism. They would do anything to conceal the capitalist nature of the present social miseries. We are the scapegoats.

A FEW FRANK WORDS WITH UNION LEADERS

The only social force capable of effectively combating fascism is the working class. This we know. We also know that the present workers organisations and trade unions in Europe generally do not like fascism and have done a lot to stop this menace.

But the terrifying reality about the rapid growth of fascism shows that your past and present policies in this respect have been either wrong or ineffective. Such a failure can end once again, like the thirties, in the likes of Mussolini, Hitler and Franco coming to power. They have already entered the European parliaments!

In order to stop the working-class youngsters becoming fascist thugs, one has to show them the real causes of the unemployment and the mounting social misery. This means a very clear and unambiguous exposition of the nature of "native", as well as international capitalism and capitalists. Without a clear anti-capitalist content, the anti-fascist education will be useless. One must expose the violent and inhuman nature of nationalism, no matter to which group of people it belongs, and advocate socialist internationalism. Unfortunately, these elements have been very weak, if not absent, in your mass propaganda and publications.

FASCISM KILLS AND BURNS NOW!

It is equally wrong to hope that only through anti-fascist education, even the correct one, can we effectively put an end to this menace. The fascists and racists are burning our homes and killing our children now! Something very practical has to be done now! Protest strikes for every fascist attack, and material help and protection for the victims of these crimes are needed.

Some thugs have organised and equipped themselves to kill us. If they succeed, then they will turn to "native" socialists and trade unionists. We, and anybody who fears racial and national genocide, should also get organised and equipped. The fascist groups and organisations must be driven out of localities and where people live. This campaign is very vital and, frankly speaking, without your help it would not have the teeth to bite. Do not forget, the police and state institutions have already shown that they lack the necessary will and determination to do this job.

WE ARE A PART OF YOU

We are not only refugees and immigrants. Whether employed or unemployed, most of us are workers and belong to the same international class as you do. We are the first in the row who fall target for fascists' attacks, but by no means are we their only targets. As Bertolt Brecht, the German socialist poet and writer, once said, after the Jews the fascists will hunt the socialists, trade unionists and anybody else who stands on their way. The



bloody experience of the thirties proved his words to be true.

We are not only worried about ourselves and our families, but also hate to see our international class once again defeated, its militant organisations banned and its leaders put to chain. Your future is our future too.

Capitalism has unleashed the most reactionary forces and trends to make this future a very exploiting, suppressive and bloody one for all of us. Nationalism and fascism, militarism, Machiavellism, religious superstitions, the CNN-type thought and information control, cutting wages, curbing unions' rights and activities and... are all used to mould the future according to the interests of the capitalists.

Only an international socialist practical solidarity can stop them and create a free, equal, prosperous and peaceful future for all of us and the coming generations. In this international struggle our heart and soul is with you.

Farhad Besharat, Secretary

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Neo-Nazis in St. Petersburg

"The Challenge" a new anti-facist magazine is a gauntlet thrown down by a group of Petersburg writers to modern Russian "browns" of all shades and tints.

The anti-fascist movement in our city was born just after the first appearances of the national-patriots. In 1988, meetings of the society "Pamiat" ("Memory") caused a shock to most Leningraders. The meetings prompted articles in the press and appeals to legal bodies demanding the prohibition of anti-constitutional chauvinistic assemblies.

What has changed since 1988? Irina Levinskaya, a researcher at the Institute of History, says: "Within the last 4 years, everyone has become 'used to' fascism. Things that were a cause of a common indignation in 1988 have almost become the norm today. Weekly 'patriotic' meetings, where frank appeals for violence and for the overthrow of the existing state system are heard, are held with the permission of the municipal authorities, or without permission but absolutely freely. There is a continually functioning picket on Nevsky avenue, where anti-Semitic slogans are hung daily. The 74-th article of the Criminal Code is broken (it prohibits kindling national conflicts), but the municipal prosecutor's office doesn't see anything. The nazi movement is developing and getting stronger. The national-patriots are a minority, their meetings number one or two thousand. In the last elections, about 10% of voters were for them. But under conditions of political and economic instability, those 10% can turn into 100%. After the disintegration of the Union, many who are used to regarding themselves as citizens of a 'Great

power', suffer destruction of their 'imperial mentality'. It is rich soil for chauvinism and fascism to grow. Recall Germany in the 1920-30's. Add inflation, skyrocketing prices, the threat of unemployment, the defeat in the war - I mean Afghanistan - and you'll see then a picture if not analogous, rather similar..."

TINTS OF BROWN

There are about 20 national-patriotic organizations, parties, movements, and groups in Saint Petersburg. Both the white-browns and the red-browns preach - openly or in a veiled manner - for Russian national exclusiveness, and they struggle against "inorodtsy" (non-Russians).

The communist-foundationalists ("bolsheviks") seek to return the former regime and to restore the USSR and the Communist Party. They consider the KGB and the segments of the army their main support. The national-communists set their largest hopes on the lumpenized "common" people suffering from economic difficulties.

The appeal to the army is shared by bourgeois-nationalistic organizations which aim at a Great Russian Empire with a regime like Third Reich's. They use slogans like: "Russia For Russians", "Russians should have the Russian Mass media."

The recently formed Russian Liberation Movement (ROD) proposes to create a unitary Russian state - Republic Rus', without autonomies. They have a three-pointed swastika as their symbol (ideologists of ROD say it is the symbol of Russian pagan god Perun). Official slogans of the movement are: "Russia - For Russians!" and "Interests of the Nation

are above all".

The monarchists and nationalist parties stage very colorful shows dressing as soldiers and officers of the tsarist and the white armies. After the example of the German Nazis, "Nashy" holds torch-light processions.

NOT ONLY ANTI-SEMITISM

"Outer enemies" are mostly non-Russian peoples of the former USSR. Alexander Nevzorov, the leader of "Nashy", in nearly every issue of his TV-show "600 seconds", tells how Russians are discriminated against in other Republics and numerous articles in the "patriotic" press are devoted to the same topic. ROD declares "not a single inch of our native land to inorodtsy" and only Russians must serve in government positions.

The Liberal-Democrats' leader V. Zhirinovskiy says openly that if he takes power, he will restore the empire by military force. "Lithuanians are to be annihilated, and the territory of Lithuania is to be a burial place for nuclear wastes."

In August 1991, all national-patriots supported the GKChP (State Committee on Emergency) which attempted the coup. After the coup failed leaflets appeared on the walls of Petersburg's buildings. "GKChP was right but weak," they said.

Not only were "patriots" looking to the CPSU for help, but the communists regarded chauvinists as allies too. The Leningrad Regional communist department stated: "It is best to hear criticism toward the person of Yeltsin from our radical fellow travellers - 'Otechestvo', 'Russia' etc."

On the eve of the coup, reactionary

powers openly united to create the association "Otchizna", which gathered representatives of the Leningrad military leadership, the United Front of Workers, the Communists-foundationalists, and the national-patriots.

WILL THE BROWNS WIN?

An old woman standing on the sidewalk and watching the procession cries with her eyes full of tears: "In 1941, we fought not to let them in Leningrad." Who did let them into Petersburg in 1992?

In Petersburg, the law against arousing national hatred is ignored and the maximum penalty applied to the nazi parties is a warning. The personnel of the Prosecutor's office have not changed since Brezhnev's time when there were many political trials.

If any one dares to criticize the patriots in the press, they risk being drawn into a long and tiresome court process. After the trial has begun, the plaintiff nazi brings supporters to court, and the trial turns into an anti-Semitic meeting. Such proceedings can last up to two years. The defendant pays the costs.

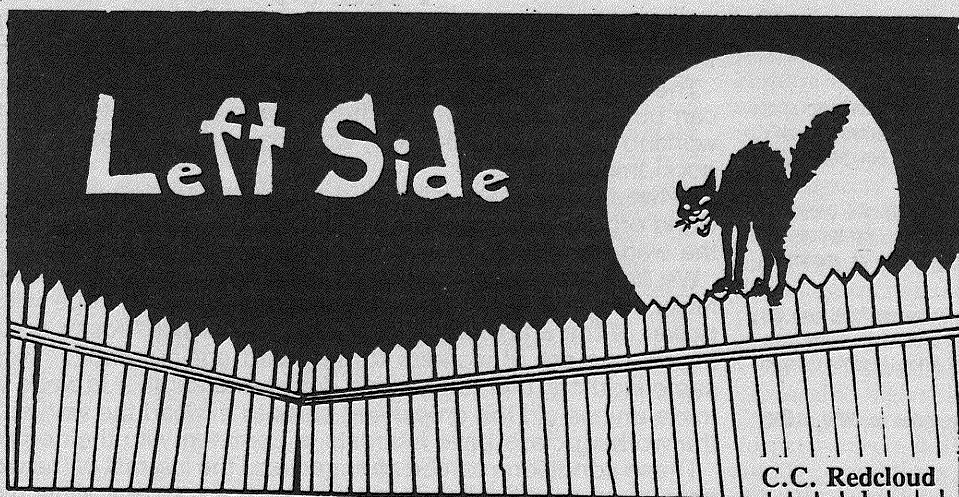
The first issue of the anti-fascist magazine "Barrier" ("The Challenge"), published in both Russian and English, is being prepared. If it will appear despite various difficulties (the paper shortage, financing etc.), it will be a serious ideological power, which is able to partly hold in check the escalation of national-socialism in Petersburg. But just partly, for the only thing which could remove the fascists' chances completely is successful economic reform. A people, who are replete with foods and freedom, would never be led by fascists.

Doctor Brandon Centerwall in a recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association infers that if television technology had never been developed, "there would be 10,000 fewer homicides each year in the United States, 70,000 fewer rapes, and 700,000 fewer injurious assaults."

Your unsophisticated scribe fails to see this as an indictment of television technology as much as the technology only reflects the popular culture that is being foisted upon us. While it is true that most of what we are fed on the boob tube is conducive to an ache in the lower extremities, it is but another example of technological potential being misused under our present profit-oriented society.

Susan Douglas writing for *In These Times* asks, "Which one was news and which one was entertainment?" in referring to presidential candidate Bill Clinton's appearance on the Arsenio Hall show. Although the fair-haired lad from Arkansas, like all good politicians, spoke in the most general of terms, he did mention important issues, among them the need for education reforms and that rich people, like Arsenio himself, should pay higher taxes to relieve the tax burden that is shouldered by the less affluent denizens of Freedomland. The New York Times on the other hand made no mention of what Clinton said, but merely published a front page picture of Billy Bwah playing the saxophone on Arsenio's show.

As of this writing, it appears to your scribe that a saxophone player shall soon be residing in the not-so-White House, confirming his oft-repeated



contention that under Freedomland's professed two-party system the two parties pass the ball between each other. It is quite obvious when, this time, the challenger is not the son of immigrants but a fair-haired, blue-eyed boy who talks with a folksy twang, that the Republicans are merely saying, "Now it's your turn!" to the Dems.

It is ironic that so many of us get excited over who is occupying the Palace of the Potomac every four years, when the Boards of Directors of the big corporations have not changed personell in the past twenty years. You can bet your bottom dollar that you won't find any washed-up movie stars, saxophone players or anything else but hard-nosed business-only dudes on those boards. It's those boards who make such decisions as your jobs being exported to another part of the Globe where the working-stiffs can be had for cheaper.

You can vote for presidents, congressmen, senators, governors, or dog-catchers until you are blue in the face, but until everybody realizes who these babies listen to and take their orders from, nothing much is going to change for the majority of us, outside of getting worse.

After a fire last year in New Castle, Pennsylvania, where the Galaxy Cheese Factory burned to the ground, the

owners of the factory relocated in Orlando, Florida taking with them only 23 employees and leaving the rest behind.

Since then, another cheese manufacturer moved into New Castle, set up operations and hired many of the laid-off Galaxy workers. From the Sunny South came the message that legal action was

being taken against these workers because they had promised not to work for any other cheese company in New Castle for two years after "leaving" Galaxy. I wonder what was the cause of that fire???????

Ira Glaser of the Civil Liberties Union upon hearing the way to halt crime is to build more prisons, expressed his opinion that such reasoning is about as logical as curing cancer by building more hospitals.

One might further question the logic of building more hospitals when according to a panel of sawbones at a recent medical convention in Chicago who disclosed that "human error" by hospital doctors and staff is responsible for 200,000 hospital deaths a year in this country. One of the docs said that close to 4% of patients suffer a disabling injury or worse during a hospital stay, and more than a million suffer some kind of accidental injury. Heading the list of pitfalls were errors in prescription medicines.

Getting close to the end of his 7th decade, your scribe is doing his damndest to keep his derriere out of any hospitals! As long as the noble practice of healing is just another technology being perverted under our present profit-oriented society.

- C.C. Redcloud

Boycott!

Once again the multi-headed Gorgon of insensate corporate greed raises its head from the stinking mire of the national feeding trough, to strike yet another mortal blow to the American worker.

Smith-Corona has just announced its intention to move its manufacturing facilities to Mexico, openly admitting they will be taking advantage of the lower labor costs, thereby sending another 7500 American workers to the unemployment office and, after that, perhaps under the bushes in the park, or under a freeway overpass.

They make no mention of the additional millions Smith-Corona will reap from the now possible, total disregard of any environmental considerations, allowing all the resulting effluent to flood the waters and air around San Diego. They make no mention of the additional millions they will dip into the IRS for, under the guise of having paid taxes to the Mexican government, which will then entitle them to tax credits, not deductions, when they pay their American taxes.

Credits, for those who are not aware of it, are dollars fully subtracted from the eventual tax bill, whereas deductions amount to only a 25% savings. The same trick Aramco engages in, averring they pay the Saudis \$11 million in taxes, filing a return for \$9 million -- and collecting \$2 million of the dollars we pay in taxes.

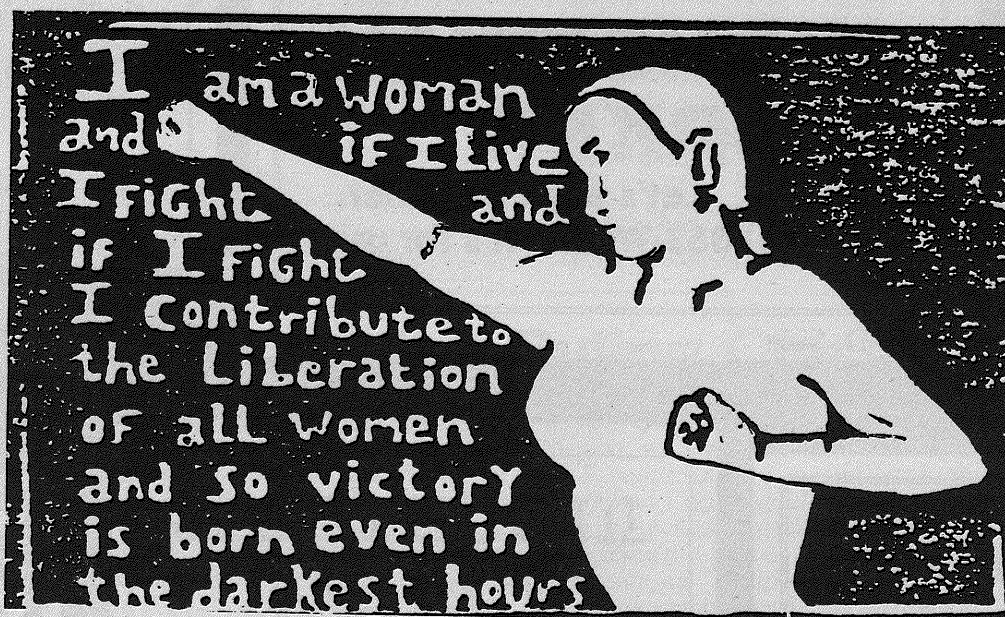
So it is once again time to institute the boycott mechanism, this time against Smith-Corona, refusing to buy any of their products or to patronize stores which carry them. Let them make them anywhere they want. If they can't sell them here, they'll lose much of the American payroll dollars they are hoping to save. It's time for all good Wobs to add them to the long list of corporations we should not do business with until they bring back all the jobs. And to write to King Bush to thank him for the 'recovery' he's blating about. And even to the CEO of Smith-Corona, to let him know.

It's the one tactic they have no defense against, the one which hurts them the most.

- John Anthony X341617 San Diego, California

**TIME IS
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A MESSAGE FROM THE ANTI-ECONOMY LEAGUE OF SAN FRANCISCO



Emma Goldman's Papers Released by Archivists

Two decades of arduous research have paid off for researchers at Berkeley. In June the Emma Goldman Papers Project unveiled its comprehensive archive containing 30,000 letters and papers searched out around the world.

Compiled by over 100 researchers, the collection includes correspondence with Jack London, H.G. Wells, and Albert Einstein. Also included are documents describing a meeting between Goldman and V.I. Lenin; and de-classified US gov't files describing surveillance of Goldman.

Born in 1869 in what is now Lithuania, Emma Goldman attracted large crowds when she spoke at public gatherings in the early 20th century. At the same time, she attracted the

attention of the authorities. In 1916 she was arrested for distributing information about birth control, and again the following year for opposing the draft. She spent almost 2 years in prison.

When she was released, J. Edgar Hoover, then an attorney with the agency that became the FBI, initiated deportation proceedings against her. In December 1919, Emma was put on a ship for the new Soviet Union.

Although Goldman had been an early supporter of the Bolshevik Revolution, she rapidly became a critic of the new Communist government when she found her freedom of speech, and the activities of anarchists, suppressed. The rest of her life was spent moving from

country to country, continuing her work until her death in 1940.

Candace Falk, who heads the Papers Project, became interested in 1971, when she stumbled upon hundreds of Emma Goldman's letters in a Chicago music store. While passing through Chicago with her Irish setter, named Red Emma Goldman, Falk visited a friend who owned the music store. The dog wandered in, and during the ensuing conversation the dog's name stirred a memory. Falk's friend unearthed a shoebox full of Goldman's letters that he had found.

Those letters were used in *Love, Anarchy and Emma Goldman*, a biography published by Falk in 1984. - Dave Collins

Wal-Mart Shareholders Reject Prison Questions

Food & Allied Service Trades, AFL-CIO (FAST) presented a resolution to the annual Wal-Mart shareholders meeting, calling on the company to investigate whether it is buying goods made with Chinese prison labor. Wal-Mart imports at least 314 product lines from China.

China's use of forced prison labor has been documented by Aisa Watch, an independent human rights organization; reports from the US State Dept; and media and other sources.

After reading the resolution calling for an investigation, FAST introduced Hongda Harry Wu, who spent 19 years in Chinese prisons. Wu recently documented Chinese prisoners in 20 factories where goods are made for export.

Wu questioned statements by company officials that Wal-Mart was buying no forced-labor goods.

"Do you know if ex-prisoners are in fact forced laborers ordered by the prison system to work in the factory?" asked Wu. He urged the company to take responsibility for its products.

"Companies like Wal-Mart, which do a significant amount of importing from China, have a special responsibility to investigate themselves." Wu said that such an investigation is not an admission of wrongdoing, "but recognition of the pervasiveness of the gulag."

When the votes were counted, FAST had proxies for over 26 million shares. But the resolution still lost with 94% against, including the 38% of shares controlled by the Walton family. (AFL-CIO News)

You are right, dear heart, the masses are anything but hopeful. And yet we must go on in our work. We are voices in the wilderness, much more so now than forty years ago. I mean voices for liberty. No one wants it any more. Yet it seems to me that just because of the present clamor for dictatorship, we of all people should not give up. Someday, sometime long after we are gone, liberty may again raise its proud head. It is up to us to blaze its way - dim as our torch may seem today, it is still the one flame. -Emma Goldman, letter to Alexander Berkman, 1933.

Join the IWW

No Bureaucrats—Aside from the modestly paid General Secretary-Treasurer and the office worker who staff our General Administration, the IWW has no paid officers. The General Executive Board is elected annually by the entire membership, and its job is to oversee the running of union affairs, not to set policy. All officers may be recalled at any time by referendum.

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To Join—Fill out the questions below and mail this form with your check or money order to IWW, 1095 Market Street Suite 204, San Francisco, CA 94103.

- ☐ I affirm that I am a common worker without direct power to hire and fire.
☐ I agree to abide by the constitution and regulations of this organization.
☐ I will study its principles and make myself acquainted with its purposes.

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Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ Initiation \$ _____ Dues \$ _____

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PREAMBLE of the INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the means of production, abolish the wage system, and live in harmony with the Earth.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

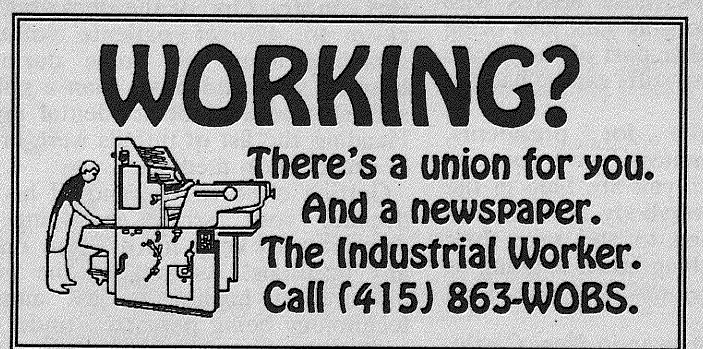
IW Sticker Design Opinion Poll

Proving once again that Wobblies are creative people, here are 8 designs for a possible new sticker. We want something members can sell for \$1 or \$2, which will be attractive and advertize your IWW newspaper.

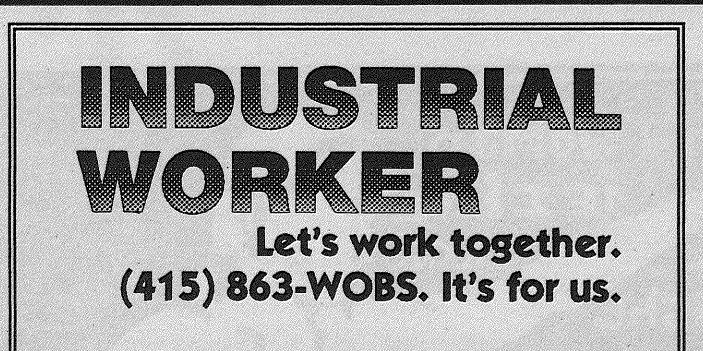
D. Sacz actually sent a number of variations on the first four designs. The idea seems to be that the text can be varied. Some of these designs may need a graphic added, or some words added about how to subscribe to IW; and different letter styles might be substituted. #6 is hand-drawn, and will look neater with machined letters. So keep all that in mind as you make your selections.

It is difficult to pick a favorite, so we recommend you indicate your 1st and 2nd choices. Identify designs by number and name. We would really appreciate hearing from you, to help us choose a new sticker design for IW.

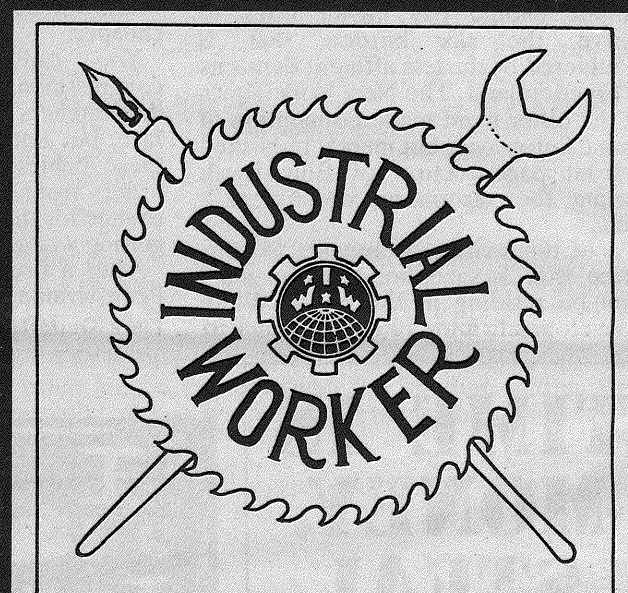
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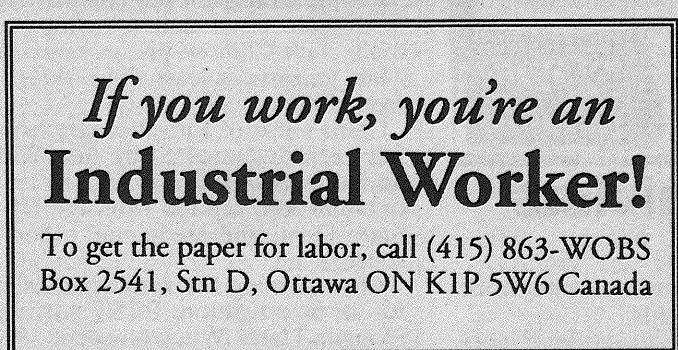


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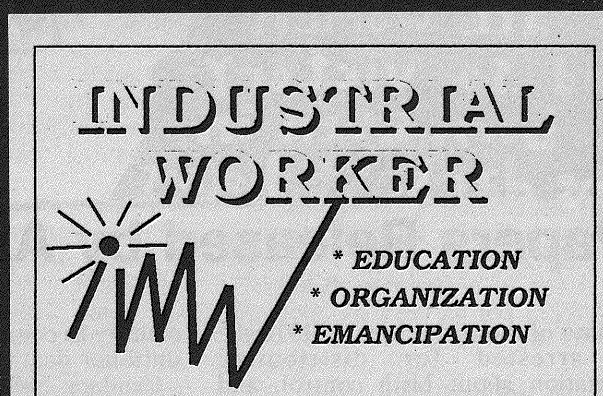


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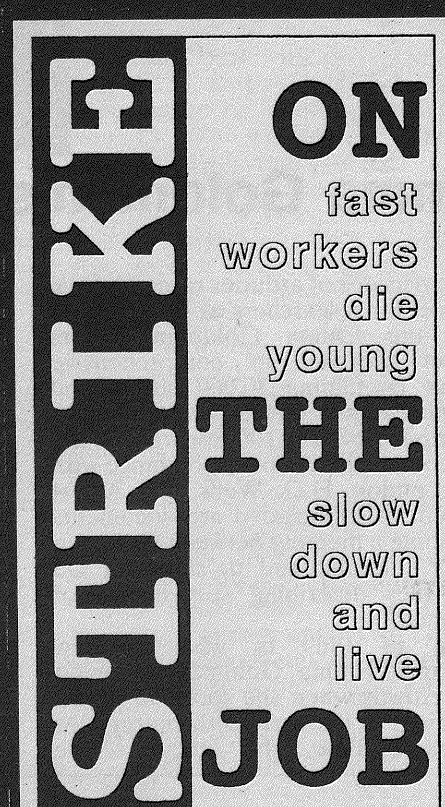
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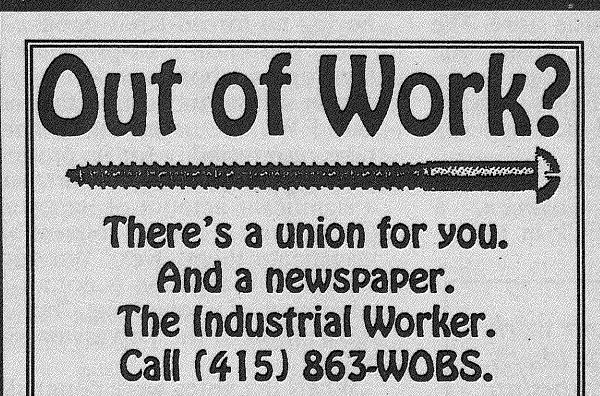
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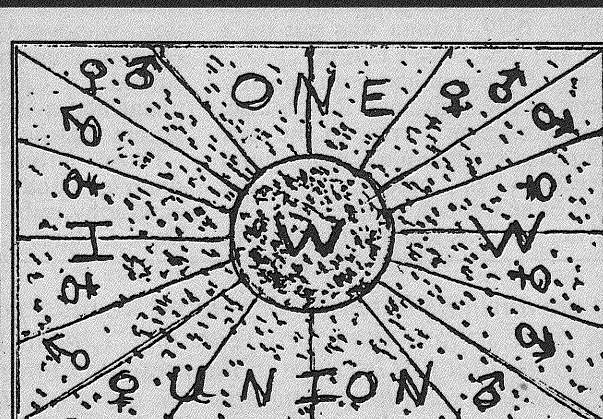
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4. by D. Sacz



6. by Frank & Margaret Roenchild

Most Heavily Bombed Land on Earth Western Shoshone Nation



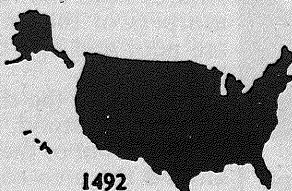
Since 1951 the US and British governments have exploded 700 nuclear bombs on Western Shoshone land, otherwise known as Nevada. 19 bombs were detonated there in 1990.

This bombing is done without the consent of the Shoshone, and is a violation of the Ruby Valley Treaty, signed "in peace and friendship with the United States."

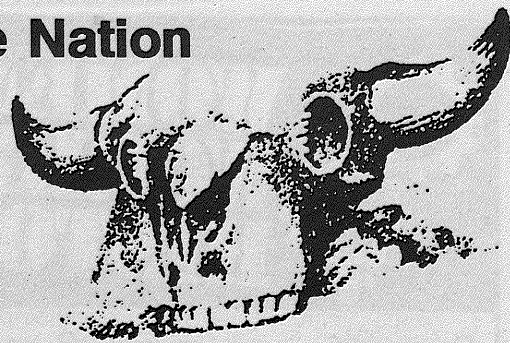
Between 1978 and 1984 lung cancer among women in Nevada was 53% above the national average. The rate for Nevada men was 31% above the average. Nevada has a higher than average rate of leukemia among children, brain tumours and cancers of the central nervous system, prostate, bladder, tongue, and bone.

The 1992 Alliance, a major coalition of American Native groups, has declared 1992 "The Year of The Indigenous People."

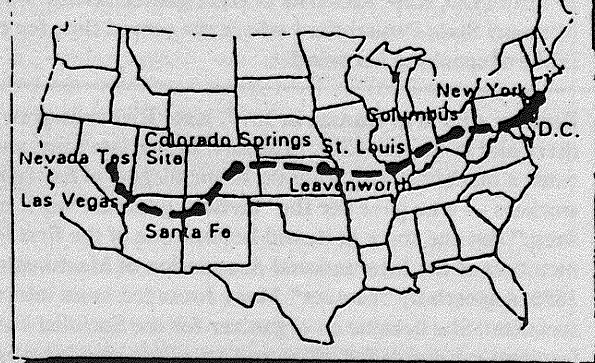
American Indian Lands



The People
Nobody Talks About



Walk Across America Route



Wounded Knee Lakota Lands In Danger

Elders of the Lakota Sioux Nation have urged concerned citizens to contact Congress immediately to defeat resolution 9285 which would take away the Sacred Wounded Knee site to make a national park. This would no longer then be Indian Land and would give mineral rights to the government. 600 Sioux would be displaced. Their homes would be condemned. No provisions have been made for relocation. For further information contact Walter Littlemoon (After 7pm CST) 605/288-1907 or Johnice (11am-7pm EST) 704/658-0123 -George Gundrey 92.8.6 cdp.gen.nativeam

Walk Across America

Participating in the Walk Across America are native rights groups, conservationists, peace and human rights activists and others, from Germany, Netherlands, Britain, Belgium, Spain, France, Switzerland, Polynesia, Australia, Japan, Russia, and the USA. The walk started from New York City on February 1, and will end on October 12 (Indigenous Peoples Day), at the nuclear test site on Western Shoshone lands.

"We walk across the land we call America to generate a spirit of compassion for Mother Earth and all her creatures."-For Mother Earth, 1066 North High St. Columbus Ohio 43201-2440.

The Long Struggle Continues at Big Mountain

Askie Betsie & Arthur J. Miller

To understand the current situation at Big Mountain, located at the four corners of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado, we must take a look at the events which led up to the struggle.

Dine (Navajo) and Hopi peoples lived side by side in this area for centuries. In 1680, Hopi and Dine fought together to drive the Spanish out. In 1848 the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, and the US agreed never to remove the Native Peoples from their lands.

In 1849 the US war against the Dine began, as white settlers flooded the area. Colonel Kit Carson destroyed Dine livestock and food crops, and forced all captured Dine on a 400-mile walk to Fort Sumner, NM. Thousands

of Dine died on the walk and in a concentration camp.

Dine were then forced to agree to the Navajo treaty of 1868 which moved them to a "reservation". Dine and Hopi children were kidnapped and placed in prison-like schools for indoctrination. They were told traditional ways were bad and forbidden to speak their native language.

In 1882 the "Joint Use Area" was created by US Executive Order. Three lines were drawn on a map by the government in Washington, DC. The Hopi Reservation was in the center, around that was the "Joint Use Area" and around that was the Navajo Reservation. All the land where the Natives were placed was worthless at the time. It was viewed as a dumping ground for Indians.

In 1909 coal was found on Black Mesa. The companies could not get anyone to sign leases so in 1923, at the request of Standard Oil, the first Navajo Tribal Council was set up by the US government. In 1934 the government-controlled tribal council system was imposed on all Native nations. The Dine and Hopi repeatedly disbanded their tribal councils as quickly as they were set up.

In 1946, a Mormon lawyer John Boyden was sent in to try to get a job with the Navajo tribal council, to obtain lease rights. He was rejected by the Dine who wanted no part of the government plan. The government sent Boyden back again as a lawyer to settle a land dispute that did not exist. He organized a Hopi tribal council and hired himself to resolve mineral rights.

In 1958 Boyden wrote bill PL 85-547 which passed Congress, authorizing a suit by Boyden to settle land claims. In 1962 this suit, "Healing vs. Jones" was upheld by the US Supreme Court giving 1,000 square miles to the Hopi tribal council.

In 1966 the first leases were signed by the tribal councils for the "largest coal strip mine in the US," with Peabody Coal. Boyden also represented Peabody Coal in those leases. Because of the difficulty of dividing up the whole area, a "ranger war" was fabricated by a Mormon PR firm, Evans & Associates. This was exposed by the Washington Post, but the plan worked. In 1974 Congress passed PL 93-531 dividing the area 50/50 between the 2 tribal councils.

This bill also called for the forced removal of all Indians on the "wrong side of the fence." There were about 100 Hopis and over 10,000 Dine living where the government said they could not. The law included 90% livestock reduction to try and starve the Dine off their land. In 1980, PL-305 set the deadline for forced relocation by July 6, 1986.

It is important to understand that this has nothing to do with any dispute between Dine and Hopi people. This is all about mineral development. Most of the "Joint Use Area" and the Hopi reservation are within the Black Mesa mineral formation, and in time all Native People living within that formation would lose their homes.

Already, Peabody has two strip mines operating on Black Mesa, just outside of the "Joint Use Area," producing 12 million tons a year. This coal is shipped

to Navajo Generating Station at Page, Arizona, and to the Mojave Station 273 miles away. Coal sent to Mojave is slurried by pipeline along the Colorado River. The result is a lowering of the water table and springs are going dry.

Peabody Coal plans to strip mine coal from the Black Mesa area, move it by rail to Long Beach California and ship it to Japan. Japan wants this coal so they can stop buying South African coal.

Dine People have resisted the forced removal from their homes, starting in 1977 when Elder Pauline Whitesinger confronted fencing crews. Since then many miles of fence have been taken down. Many Dine people have been arrested and beaten.

The US government has continued its harassment with low flying military jets, livestock reductions, and poisoned wells, destruction of homes, and a campaign of misinformation and intimidation. Reagan bragged that US Marshalls and the military could complete the relocation in 30 minutes.

Faced with great powers of greed, the Dine Resistance stands strong in the fight to stay on their land. With just a handful of outside supporters, they vow to fight to the end. As Dine Elder Ruth Benally said, "When the time comes, if we don't have any other choice we are going to use our fists. No matter how small I am, I'll fight all the way to the end. After we throw our punches, if we get clubbed to death, then they can drag us out."

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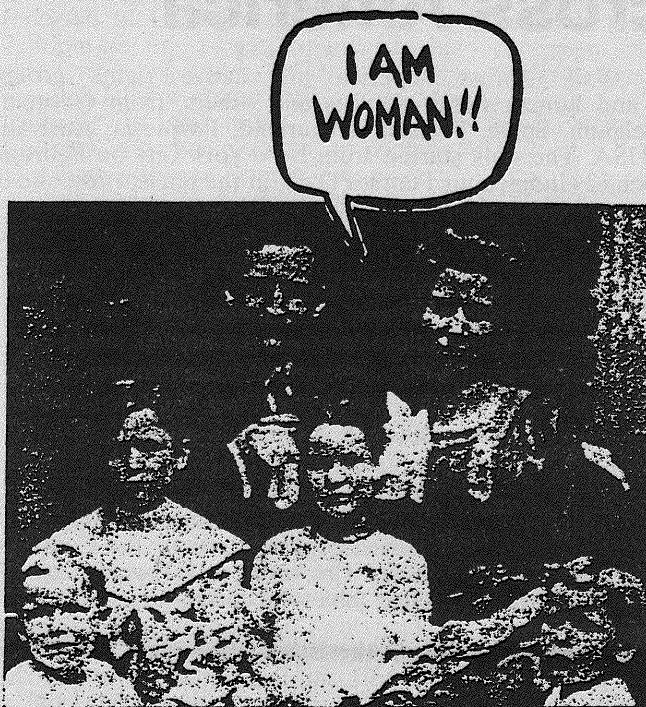
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Speaking Her Mind

In May 1920, Kate Richards O'Hare gained release from the Missouri State Penitentiary where she served time for the crime of speaking her mind.

Born on a farm in Kansas in 1877, Kate Richards grew up there and in Kansas City, Missouri. In her late teens she became a machinist's apprentice, to the disgust of her fellow workers — who gave her the "dirtiest, greasiest work in the shop." But she stuck at it, and became one of the first female members of the International Association of Machinists. In 1895, a speech by "Mother" Mary Jones led to an interest in socialism. She became an organizer for the Socialist Party, a frequent candidate for office and an editor who investigated working conditions on behalf of unions.



Once the U.S. entered World War I, Kate O'Hare traveled widely giving anti-war speeches. The war would benefit the profiteers, but not workers and farmers, whose problems would remain unsolved, she said. After an anti-war speech in Bowman, North Dakota, in 1917, she was arrested, tried and convicted of "espionage" and sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Protests set her free after a year and a half. She became respected for her prison reform work — especially her campaign to end the shameful practice of allowing garment companies to use convict labor.

Wealthfare

20,000 *Wealthfare* pamphlets circulated in Louisiana helped defeat the anti-worker campaign of Nazi David Duke. Here are a few facts from the pamphlet:

>>> Corporations and wealthy individuals saved \$93 billion on tax breaks in 1975. In 1985, the amount was \$355 billion. The projected US budget deficit for 1993 is \$351.9 billion. (Currie, Elliot & Skolnick, *America's Problems*, 1988)

>>> \$20 billion of tax money was spent to develop the satellite communications system put under AT&T control in 1962. (Parenti, *Democracy for the Few*, 5th ed. NY: St. Martin's Press 1988)

>>> In 1984, government subsidies to private enterprises totalled \$16 billion of working and middle class tax money.

>>> The Agriculture Department gave profitable companies millions of dollars to push their products around the world: McDonald's: \$465,000; Sunkist: \$10 million; Gallo: \$5 million. (Andrei Codrescu, National Public Radio, March 24, 1992)

Welfare

>>> 2 out of 3 impoverished adults in the US are women. (Eitzen & Zinn, *Social Problems*, 5th ed.)

>>> If "preferential treatment" of blacks is so rampant, then why is 99.7% of the gross national product controlled by European-Americans? (Tim Wise)

>>> There are 13.5 million welfare recipients in the US, up 2.5 million from 1990. Average welfare family has 1.8 children. (James Weill, Children's Defense Fund.)

>>> 38% of parents in welfare families are white, 40% black, 16% hispanic. More than half of welfare families live in the suburbs. (House Ways and Means Committee)

>>> US average welfare family with two children receives \$367 per month: about \$4 per day per child. (Shirley Marcus, Child Welfare League)

>>> Contrary to popular misconception, welfare mothers bear fewer children than women in the rest of the population. Women receiving AFDC have only 1/4 the number of babies as those who do not receive AFDC. (Edelman, *Families in Peril*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press 1987).

Copies of the *Wealthfare* pamphlet are available. You can also get a Macintosh Pagemaker disk copy, send \$5 to IWW, PO Box 15734, New Orleans, LA 70175.

Utah Justice? Not for an African Man

Once again the capitalist/christian society has shown its brand of mercy and justice. The recent execution in the Land of Zion (Utah) of William Andrews has shown the kind of justice the current usurpers of this beautiful country dish out if you are poor and of a different color skin than "flesh-tone".

On July 30, the date of the state murder, nearly 400 people stood, marched, shouted and shared ideas in front of the vacant governor's mansion. All around the area cops were crawling. According to one person, the chief of police had ordered 3 police for every one protestor. I figure it's because they know they're in the wrong and they fear the people might exact real justice.

The time of the murder was set for midnight. When that time came they gave a one hour stay - just as they were taking Andrews from his cell. Cruel and unusual punishment? Not for the bosses. They were most likely partying and watching it all on big-screen TV. The bosses minus their moral mask.

People driving past the rally either didn't care, or were supportive. A few TV-dinner-fed cretins drove by shouting "fry him" or "die Andrews die". I guess to show there's still enough moral bankruptcy around here to feed meat for the next war.

William Andrews, an African-American, was convicted in a robbery-torture-slaying in 1974 along with two other alleged accomplices. Andrews had

left the scene of the crime, after assisting in the robbery and torture. Pierre Dale Selby, one of the accomplices, stayed behind and killed the victims; Selby was executed in 1987. The other accomplice was only the driver; he served 9 years and was released.

Andrews had never killed anyone! During the court proceedings a note was passed to the jurors which read, "hang the niggers". Of course the jury consisted of the usual all white peers.

Meanwhile in a concurrent court case, white man Joseph Paul Franklin who killed two black men who were jogging through a park with two white women, was convicted of violating their civil rights. Franklin is an avowed racist.

Another example of "equal justice": Mark Hoffman, a rich white LDS entrepreneur in the business of forging church historical documents and selling them. He got nervous when he was about to be found out, and attempted to blast his way out of trouble by making pipe bombs and blowing up his enemies. He killed two people before accidentally wounding himself in an explosion. Hoffman's case never went to trial; it was plea-bargained down to 2nd degree murder, and he now has a kitchen job in a medium-security prison.

Equality and justice for all? Hah! I guess the bosses defined their terms for us tonight. (Anonymous)

...Free Trade

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Americas Initiative and so on - have given the decision making power to the big corporations. The people who are pursuing these free trade agreements for the hemisphere are the enemies of the people's power, which is to say, of democracy." (*Central American Update* Vol XIII #5-6)

The 2nd thing this deal does is undermine the unions.

Rubberlips for the deal say Mexicans will benefit from jobs. Poverty in Mexico is so desperate that people are willing to work for slave wages under bad conditions. But Mexican workers will pay dearly with the destruction of local and land-based economies and poisoned air and water. The Mexican worker is better off for today with a dollar earned, and we can't blame them for trying to survive. But they will never be able to work their way out of this poverty, and the entire North American working class will be reduced to the same desperate level.

The NAFTA Big Lie is to take effect in 1994 and gradually remove tariffs and trade barriers over 15 years. Farm issues were dealt with by each of the 3 countries negotiating separate bilateral pacts with each other, rather than a 3-way deal. All restrictions to trans-border trucking will gradually be removed, but countries will be allowed to restrict

domestic shipping to operators based within their own countries.

American, Canadian and Mexican labor, environmental and consumer groups predict job losses - 50,000 in Mexico - environmental disaster, and unsafe products. All agree that there will be no significant drop in consumer prices.

"It's a fallacy to believe that cheap labor will lead to cheaper prices," said Bob Kirke of the Canadian Apparel Manufacturers Institute.

"We have to keep in mind that consumers are employees too and they need jobs to make this agreement work. That's why we're skeptical," said Dave Simpson of the Consumers Assoc. of Canada.

"The assurances of the government about this new deal does not give me any confidence," said Henry Hynd, Ontario United Steelworkers.

The deal is bad, but it's here. There is only one solution and that is international organization of the workers and the working class. The multinational corporations must be disbanded and replaced with worker-owned facilities. National and ethnic differences that have kept us apart are meaningless in the face of the new corporate order. It's time to form strong links with the American and Canadian, the black, brown, white, the Native people, the Mexican workers and Mexico's indigenous peoples. We all have the same boss, and the same world to lose or win. Organize! -MV

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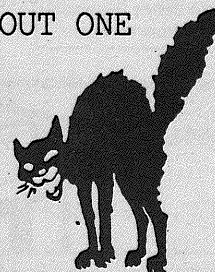
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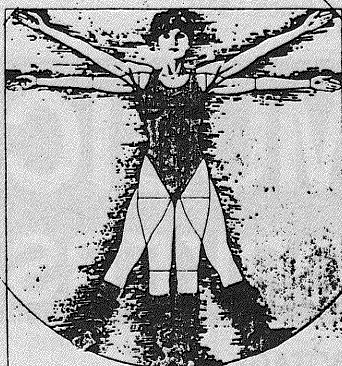
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Below are some of the things you can do to prevent health hazards at your computer work station.

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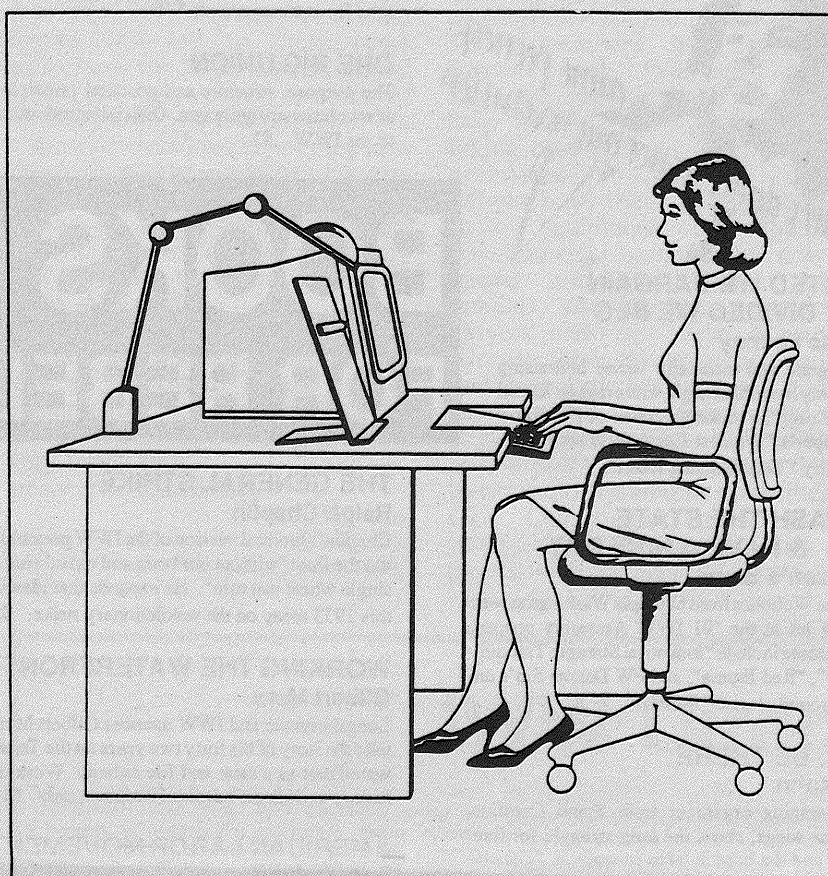


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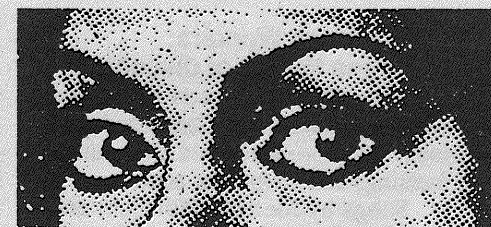
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